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Mask making

Zoe Novak, 10, of Oshkosh participated Friday in a workshop to make masks in the tradition of Dia de los Muertos at the Oshkosh Public Library. Conducted by artists from Minneapolis-based In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theater, the workshop was funded by the GFWC-Oshkosh Women's Arts Club. Participants were invited to bring the masks to the Oshkosh Public Museum's Fourth Annual Dia de los Muertos event held on Saturday.

Re-opening jail pod being considered

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is seeing an increase in the county jail population, leading the department to request opening a pod that hasn't been used since 2021.

Sheriff John Matz told the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee Oct. 6 he plans on hiring six new deputies for next year and to reopen a pod in the county jail.

C-pod was closed in 2021 and 10 deputy positions were eliminated. The department initially had planned to reopen C-pod in 2027 but with rising population trends, the plans have been moved up to open the pod next July.

The Winnebago County Jail is comprised of six pods that can house between 34 and 68 inmates. The proposal is part of the sheriff's 2026 budget request. If approved, next July all six pods would be open including the pod dedicated to the STAR program, which provides inmates with substance abuse support.

"There is no other option; we need to open up the pod," Matz said.

The jail was averaging 236 inmates at the start of the year but right now has 275 inmates and Matz said that number is consistent. The highest it has reached is 303.

The department is looking at hiring six new deputies to work in the jail. The C-pod would open on July 1, 2026 and the cost of six deputies would be \$417,099. The cost of keeping C-pod open for 2027 will be over \$750,000 for the six deputies.

If the pod is not opened, the sheriff's office might have to look at sending inmates to surrounding counties. The cost for housing people at another county jail is \$60 a day. Matz added that these have to be perfect inmates, with some counties not accept-



Matz

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Larson resigns seat to avoid conflict with business

City eyes purchasing City Center property

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh Common Council member Kris Larson resigned from his seat on the council last week, citing a potential conflict of interest.

Larson is the owner and operator of Becket's, a tenant at City Center, a property which the city appears to be looking to purchase.

City Center, a former shopping mall, has been converted into office and commercial spaces for various tenants, including Becket's.

The council's agenda for its meeting

Tuesday included plans to go into closed session.

"The purpose of the closed session is to discuss bargaining options, strategy, parameters and terms related to the potential redevelopment and/or acquisition of the City Center property," a city memo said.

In his resignation letter, Larson stated he was attempting to make the process as "transparent as possible."

Larson went over his options with an attorney and decided there was no way to continue recusing himself from the con-



Larson

versation, so he chose to resign. He could have resigned at the next meeting but said it wouldn't be fair to know he was resigning and still sit on the council.

The council has been looking at options for City Hall for over a year and is considering three options, including renovating the existing City Hall that was built in 1916 and served as Oshkosh High School until it was converted into City Hall in 1960.

The other options are to build a brand new City Hall or relocate City Hall into City Center. Every time this topic has come up, Larson recused himself from the vote due to being a tenant in City Center.

City officials reported last year that it would cost around \$34 million to renovate City Center for City Hall purposes.

es. However, the city would not have to turn portions of City Center into City Hall. The city could tear down City Center as the owner.

The Downtown Redevelopment Plan was introduced by Community Development staff last May. The plan showed a number of options for Downtown Oshkosh, including expanding Opera House Square, making more gathering spaces and spaces for outdoor events and a section on what could be done with City Center.

The plan outlines three options for City Center.

The first option is to maintain the current building and parking deck. The second option is to conduct an assessment

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Ascension Mercy president reflects on hospital’s impact

By Chris Lusvardi
 OSHKOSH HERALD

It has been 25 years since what is now known as Ascension Northeast Wisconsin Mercy Hospital moved to its current location on Oakwood Road.

“It’s been a great location to serve the community with a small community hospital feel,” Ascension Mercy President Shane Carter said. “We feel the love for working here. The past 25 years have been an amazing journey giving back to the community.”

The hospital’s history in Oshkosh dates back much longer, Carter said. The Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother began oversight of St. Mary’s Hospital in 1891. In 1895, a four-story facility opened at the corner of Merritt and Boyd streets with space for 26 patients.

In 1918, St. Mary’s bought Lakeside Hospital on Hazel Street, which then was renamed as Mercy Hospital. The original St. Mary’s building is now city-owned low-income apartments, while the former Lakeside Hospital is currently a retirement community.

“We have a rich history showing how we have continued to support the community,” Carter said Oct. 6 during an anniversary celebration at the hospital.

Carter said many of the staff members have worked at the hospital for the past 25 years, some longer.

“It’s the people and culture,” Carter said. “It’s in the walls that this is a great place to be and so many want to start and finish their careers on this campus.”

The hospital currently offers 38 specialties with 160 beds, 168 nurses and 1,197 providers. Nearly 2,400 patients are seen



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A display at Ascension Mercy during a 25-year anniversary celebration of its current location shows some of the various services that are offered at the hospital.

annually with 14,075 emergency department visits and 62,032 outpatient visits.

Ascension Mercy provides advanced specialty care services, delivering 24/7 emergency care. The Level III Trauma Center has an advanced Primary Stroke Center and also provides behavioral, mental health and substance use care, as well as advanced surgical care for serious and life-threatening injuries and illnesses.

It also provides care for orthopedics, heart and vascular health, and cancer. Ascension Mercy also offers a range of minimally invasive procedures using robotic-assisted technology, imaging and lab tests, and a dedicated inpatient rehabilitation center.

Over the years, advancements have been made in how patients are cared for such as imaging equipment, staff utilization and using resources in creative and innovative ways, Carter said.

“We’ve seen positive growth with our

outreach efforts and also meeting patients in this centralized location,” Carter said.

Community outreach efforts that reach into Oshkosh and surrounding areas such as Winneconne and Omro focus on preventive health care such as athletic training, Carter said. Those types of efforts can help keep patients, especially kids, out of the hospital, he said.

“We’re meeting people where they are for the care they need,” Carter said.

Another area of focus is offering behavioral health inpatient services. The Ascension Mercy facility is state licensed for 12 to 15 beds.

“We’re serving the community in different ways that is impactful but often doesn’t go noticed,” Carter said. “We need to be in front of mental health, which is a big component that has to be a huge part of the health care model going forward. We continue to evaluate how to better meet the needs of the community and people we care for.”

Chocolate, coffee tasting hosted by Winnebago Audubon Society

Oshkosh Herald

An upcoming event will show how coffee, chocolate and windows represent important and meaningful ways that can make a positive impact on birds.

The event hosted by Winnebago Audubon Society, SOS Save Our Songbirds and Barnwood Coffee Company of Two Rivers, Wisconsin will be from 10 a.m. to noon at the James P. Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Road Y.

Attendees will be able to taste-test bird friendly coffee from one of Wisconsin’s first certified roasters, Barnwood Coffee of Two Rivers. Bags of coffee will be

Women’s Association to hold benefit style show

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area Women’s Association’s 39th Annual Benefit Style Show is taking place Oct. 28 at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

The event will feature fashion, food and philanthropy. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with a cash bar, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and the style show at 7 p.m.

Guests will enjoy a silent auction, door prizes and raffles while supporting meaningful causes. This year’s proceeds will benefit the Town of Oshkosh Fire Department, Military Veterans Museum and

Garden Club luncheon to celebrate scholarships

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Garden Club will celebrate more than 25 years of hosting their annual scholarship luncheon.

Beginning in 1999, the Oshkosh Country Club held the luncheon for 15 years. The luncheon will return Nov. 8 to the Country Club at 11 W. Ripple Road. Cocktails will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon.

Guests will partake in a demonstration they may duplicate at home and be enter-

available for purchase. They will be able to sample bird friendly certified chocolate from artisan chocolatiers.

Smithsonian Bird Friendly Certified coffee and chocolate meet the gold standard for protecting bird habitat in the tropical regions of the Americas, where many songbirds winter. The SOS Save Our Songbirds display will offer ideas for preventing birds from colliding with windows.

Guest speakers Lisa Gaumnitz from SOS Save Our Songbirds and Amy Haban from Barnwood Coffee Company will talk briefly about bird friendly products and the importance of purchasing bird friend-

Miss Oshkosh Organization Scholarship Fund.

Tickets are \$45 (non-refundable) and include dinner and entry to the style show. Individual tickets can be purchased at Festival Foods, 2415 Westowne Ave. and reserved seats and tables for up to eight are available by contacting Jaye Roeming at 920-233-5712. Tickets are also available online at oshkoshwomen.com for \$47. Ticket sales end on Oct. 21.

This year’s event theme is “Every Holiday is a Gift” and will showcase fashion from a lineup of 10 local stores.

A sales table with useful items will be available, as well as items to bid on donated by local businesses.

Thanks to the many attendees over the years, Oshkosh Garden Club has given \$46,500 to 24 graduating high school seniors from four Oshkosh high schools pursuing a degree in a field of science.

Tickets can be purchased at uBloom Floral, 930 Witzel Ave. or The Artful Gift, 9 Waugoo Ave.

ly coffee and chocolate.

The event is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure enough samples for everyone.

Email winnebagoaudubon@gmail.com using Chocolate & Coffee as the subject and share plans to be there. Visit the Winnebago Audubon website for updates at winnebagoaudubon.org.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical Society

Oct. 14, 1909

News Briefs of the Day: The steamer Paul L. transported a large number of hunters up river this afternoon, the calculation being that the cold weather has brought the ducks down from the Canadian wilds. About a dozen different parties boarded the steamer in Oshkosh, bound for points on Lake Butte des Morts, the Fox River and Lake Poygan. Winneconne was the most popular getting off place. Then, earlier this morning, the city ambulance was summoned to the Main Street bridge to provide aid to one C. M. Snyder. Snyder was riding his bicycle across the bridge and was passing a team of horses. Suddenly, one of the horse’s feet slipped and Mr. Snyder inadvertently put his hand on the horse’s side, causing the animal to kick, striking the bicycle and throwing Mr. Snyder against the curb injuring his hip. The victim was transported to his home.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Oct. 14, 1909

Preparation starts for Downtown Transit Center expansion project

Oshkosh Herald

Construction of a new transit platform and public building for GO Transit is beginning soon, and the Grand South public parking lot at 125 High Ave. will be used for staging, which started Oct. 2.

In addition to being used for staging, the lot will eventually be reconstructed as part of this project.

The lot will remain open for most of the

construction period; however, access and space will be limited while the project is ongoing.

Permit holders in the lot and staff at The Grand Oshkosh have been notified.

The project involves the construction of a second bus platform as well as a climate controlled waiting area and public restrooms. The project is anticipated to be completed by October of next year.

Teens invited to interactive dinner party

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Public Library is inviting teens to take part in a night of mystery, costumes and interactive fun at a Murder Mystery Dinner Party hosted by the library's Teen Advisory Board.

The event is from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 27 in the library's lower level meeting room. Participants will step into character, follow clues and work together to solve a fictional crime.

Humane Society organizing family event

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area Humane Society is holding a Spooktacular Pawlloween event on Oct. 25.

The event features free activities and games, trunk or treating for free candy, a

Inspired by the classic board game Clue, the library invites teens to play a role in the mystery. Costumes will be available, and all guests will be part of the story as a detective, a suspect or someone with secrets to reveal.

The event is free and open to teens in grades 6-12. Registration is required and closes at 4 p.m. Oct. 24. Space is limited.

To register or learn more, visit osh-koshlibrary.org or call 920-236-5208.

Altrusa Club to hold Harvest Moon Craft & Bake Sale

Oshkosh Herald

Altrusa Club of Oshkosh's Harvest Moon Craft & Bake Sale will be Nov. 1 at Leannah Hall, Sacred Heart Church of St. Jude Parish located at Sixth and Knapp

prize wheel, a chance to learn about the OAHS animals and adopt a pre-loved plushie pet to take home.

Costumes are encouraged. Free tickets for arrival time slots every 15 minutes between noon and 1:45 p.m. can be reserved at givebutter.com/spook2025.

Street. The hours are 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Cash donations or new or gently used children's books are appreciated for admission.

These books will be donated to young children.



Submitted photo

Support dog

Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services celebrated eight years of service from Wisconsin's first-ever domestic abuse facility dog. Ross is a nine-year-old PTSD support dog who has been with the organization since 2017 after he graduated from Journey Together Service Dogs. Ross spends his days giving compassion, comfort and connection to survivors, advocates and staff.

Southwest Rotary hosts fundraiser to end polio

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Southwest Rotary Club is hosting a fundraiser to support the Rotary International PolioPlus Fund aimed at eradicating polio worldwide.

The Rotary will host an event from 4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 24 at Sturgeon Spirits, 2663 Oregon St. Attendees can enjoy raffle baskets, a 50/50 drawing and drink specials while supporting a global cause.

Additionally, the group's Drink Fundraiser will run Oct. 24 through Oct. 26. A featured drink, the "PoliOldFashioned," crafted by Sturgeon Spirits, combines Pea Blossom Gin, Lavender Syrup, Lemon Bitters and Sweet/Sour/Press. A portion

of the proceeds from each sale (limit one per customer) will be donated directly to the PolioPlus Fund.

Donations can also be made online at raise.rotary.org/Oshkosh-Southwest-Rotary/challenge331. Every dollar raised by Rotary International is matched with two additional dollars from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, tripling the impact of each contribution.

"Together, we can make a difference in the fight to eradicate polio," said Karen Boehm, Rotary Club president. "We're excited to bring the community together for an evening of fun while supporting a cause that changes lives worldwide."



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Event gives community a look at new innovations

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Amplify Oshkosh held Tech and Tell on Oct. 8 to highlight local businesses using cutting edge technology in the community. The event that was held at the Lakeshore Park Four Seasons building included live music from Scotty Meyer.

The exhibitors at Tech and Tell – a play on show and tell – included Sadoff E-Recycling, Lab Midwest, and the Oshkosh police and fire departments.

Janek Cieszynski of Sadoff E-Recycling and Data Deconstruction said the company can “close the loop” on data when recycling electronics. The company will take the device, get the data off of it and recycle the tech which includes rare and possibly toxic metals.

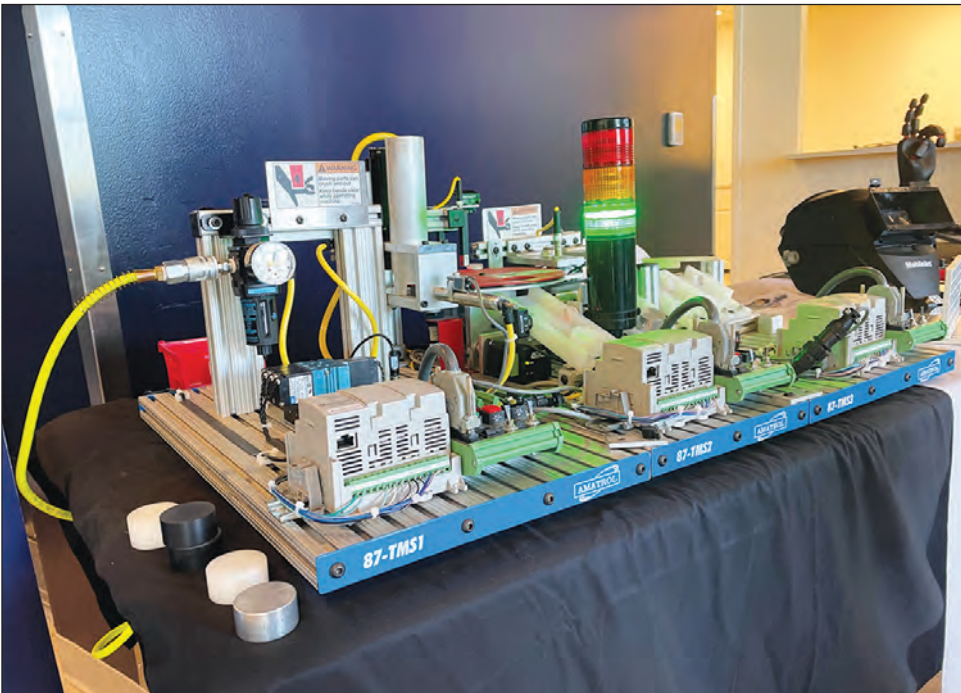
“We can recycle almost anything with a (circuit) board or a cord,” Cieszynski said.

The company has an international certification that allows them to recycle the metals with sustainability and responsibility in mind.

“We can recycle 98% of an old desktop,” Cieszynski said. “We get the data off and handle all the toxic metals included in the recycling process.”

Lab Midwest was at the event showcasing their educational learning systems that give students hands on experience in the safe environment of a classroom. Garrett Henry of Lab Midwest explained that the learning systems the company uses are aimed at kindergarten to technical college and university students.

Henry brought numerous gadgets to the event like a fully automated sorting system and a virtual welding setup. A student would put a widget into the sorting system and watch how the system can detect the



A fully automated sorting system set up by Lab Midwest was just one piece of technology on display at last week’s Tech and Tell. It gives students an inside look and experience with automation and logistics.

type of widget added to the system and then be able to tell when there isn’t any more storage room for the widgets.

“It’s all about engaging with the students in a safe environment where they can learn with the help of technology,” Henry said. “These are often experiences you wouldn’t get in the traditional classroom.”

Henry had a welders helmet that he can attach a tablet to that is connected with a plastic welders torch that interacts with an object which is covered in QR codes. The QR codes interact with each other as the student lays the welding bead.

“Instructors can then give feedback on the weld and help the student learn the

skill,” Henry said. “Or the student doesn’t care for it and can continue searching for what they like” with the different opportunities the company offers.

Bill Kerkhof is operations manager for the Radio TV Film department at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. He explained that technology has changed drastically from when he started with the university in 1990.

Oshkosh Chamber Singers opens season

The concert will begin at 3 p.m. at St. Jude the Apostle Parish, Sacred Heart site, 519 Knapp St.

Herb Berendsen is the conductor of the Oshkosh Chamber Singers and the MacDowell Male Chorus. Sarah E. Wheeler is the accompanist for the Oshkosh Chamber Singers, and Marty Vajgrt is the accompanist for the MacDowell Male Chorus.

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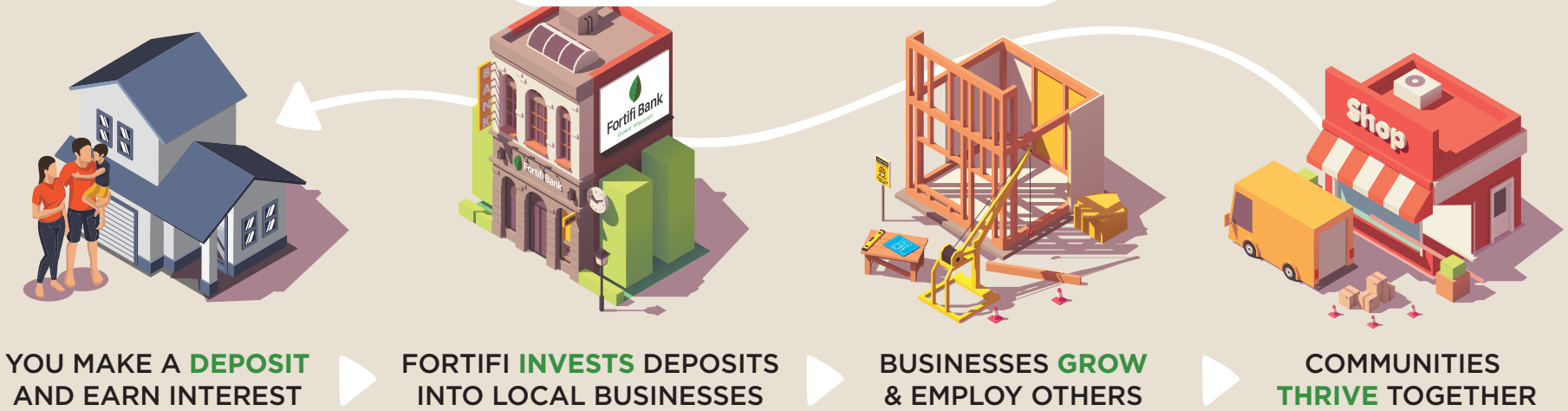
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School business services administrator set to retire

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District is searching for a new administrator in business services.

Drew Niehans will be retiring at the end of the school year after serving as the OASD director of business services since 2020. He previously had a similar position in the Weyauwega-Fremont school district.

Niehans will remain working for OASD until July.

"We still have him for a while," Board of Education President Beth Wyman said. "He has a lot of work to do before he retires."

Barbara Herzog was on the Board of Education when Niehans began his tenure with OASD and thanked him for his service to the district.

"He has really served as a good steward for the district's resources," Herzog said. "I want to thank you for that and look forward to working with you over the next eight months."

Wyman called Niehans' retirement "bittersweet."

Herzog noted that while at OASD, Niehans helped reduce health care costs for employees, introduced using school funds instead of PTO funds for new playgrounds and worked at paying down debt and keeping the mill rate low.

Niehans was responsible for the numbers and statistics provided to the public during the 2025 referendum. His duties also include overseeing the development of the district budget, supervising payroll and employee benefits, managing district insurance and overseeing student transportation.

Space Day activities coming to EAA Aviation Museum

Oshkosh Herald

Space Day will feature hands-on activities and guest appearances Oct. 25 at the EAA Aviation Museum.

Activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. are free with museum admission. This year's lineup of activities with the theme Fabric of Space includes cup rockets, mission patch contest, lunar landing, astro glove, compressed air rockets and Mars Rover. Eyewitness to NASA human and robotic explorers will feature space journalist Dr. Ken Kremer speaking from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Skyscape Theater.

New for 2025, EAA's 1929 Ford Tri-Motor will be offering flights from the grass runway of Pioneer Airport throughout the day. While not a spacecraft, EAA's Tri-Motor is painted in the markings of Eastern Air Transport (later renamed Eastern Airlines), where Gemini and Apollo astronaut Frank Borman became president and COO in 1975.

Tickets can be purchased in advance on the EAA website eaa.org. Walk-ups will also be welcome.

Beginning at 4 p.m. in the museum's Eagle Hangar, former NASA aerospace composite tech Jean Wright will tell her story as one of 18 women on NASA's elite team of "Sew Sister" seamstresses.

Wright's team sewed the flight hardware for the thermal protection systems (TPS), which protected the shuttle and the astronauts from deadly levels of radiation and Earth reentry heats. Wright is the subject of a book titled Sew Sister: The Untold Story of Jean Wright and NASA's Seamstresses by Elise Matich. The book will be available for sale along with a book signing by Wright during Space Day.

More information on the day's activities can be found at EAA.org/SpaceDay.

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By Rob Kleman
OSHKOSH CHAMBER PRESIDENT AND CEO

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In 2026, on behalf of our more than 850 members, we will continue to be a champion for the Oshkosh business community and will work in conjunction with other community partners to provide a positive business environment and improve the community’s quality of life.

We will achieve these results through programs within our four strategic pillars of Economic Development, Education and Talent Development, Advocacy for Business and Member Programs and Services.

Over the past year, the Oshkosh Chamber has expanded its lineup of events and



programs to meet the evolving needs of local employers, professionals and entrepreneurs — further cementing its role as a cornerstone of Oshkosh’s business ecosystem.

Monthly and bi-monthly events like Business After Hours, OC Connection Breakfasts and AM Oshkosh remain essential networking events for Oshkosh Chamber members, offering monthly opportunities to share updates, exchange ideas and build valuable relationships.

Educational events such as Lunch and Learns provide practical insight into topics ranging from finance and marketing to leadership and technology, ensuring

businesses have the tools to adapt in a rapidly changing marketplace.

Beyond these regular gatherings, the Oshkosh Chamber hosts five annual signature events including our Annual Meeting and Recognition Event Jan. 15, 2026, the Economic Outlook Breakfast on Feb. 10, 2026, the Business Expo on March 18, 2026 and two golf outings.

These events draw thousands of attendees each year and provide an excellent opportunity for businesses across many sectors to engage and collaborate.

Meanwhile, Leadership Oshkosh, a long-standing leadership development program of the Oshkosh Chamber, continues to cultivate the next generation of civic and business leaders. The 2026 class is our 37th overall and has a record number of 45 students participating. We have graduated almost 1,300 students over the years.

In 2025, the Oshkosh Chamber also introduced several innovative initiatives aimed at addressing modern workforce and development challenges. The Concierge Program Lunch & Lead series offers employers a valuable recruitment tool by helping new hires and their families transition smoothly into the

community — enhancing retention while promoting Oshkosh as a great place to live and work.

The Mindset Leadership Program, a new seven-session leadership series, empowers participants to strengthen personal and professional growth through focused development and collaboration. Additionally, the Oshkosh Chamber’s online networking platform, Network Builder, creates small, peer-driven groups where members can exchange referrals, share insights, and deepen their professional networks.

These programs and events underscore the Oshkosh Chamber’s approach to business growth — supporting not just companies, but also the people, talent, and ideas that sustain them. Each event, program, and partnership reflects the Chamber’s mission to create a thriving environment for commerce and community alike.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me at rob@oshkoshchamber.com to learn more about the Oshkosh Chamber and how being a member is a great investment for your business and a gateway to many programs and services that can help propel your business to success.

Larson resigns

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of City Center and identify portions that should remain and what can be redeveloped. The third option is to remove all the buildings in the City Center area besides the 4imprint building on Commerce Street and the city-operated parking deck along the Fox River.

Larson told the Herald he has a family member that is part owner of a portion of City Center. He explained that he has received no financial support for his family owning part of City Center where his restaurant is located.

He spoke about his time on the council and noted a rough start to his tenure last year.

“The first year was really tough,” Larson said. “There were a lot of new council members and a longtime city manager.”

Larson was elected in April 2024 and his resignation took effect last week after he submitted his letter of resignation to city officials.

“I’m truly proud of the work that was done while I was on the council,” Larson said.

He said the most important thing he did

on the council was go through the process to hire Rebecca Grill as city manager.

There is about six months left on Larson’s term. Interested candidates must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old and live in the city, according to state statute.

State statute outlines the process to fill council vacancies. The city has to advertise the position within 14 days of the vacancy. Interested candidates for the seat need to complete an application and submit a letter of interest and a resume.

The tentative schedule for appointing a new council member was to open the application process on Monday with applications due at 5 p.m. Nov. 12. Applications for potential council members will be posted online for community members to review.

Each of the candidates will give a presentation to the board Nov. 25 and then the board will vote to appoint a new council member to replace Larson.

The vote requires a majority, so a candidate will need to receive four votes from the current council.

The council is currently scheduled to vote on the 2026 budget at its Nov. 11 meeting.

Jail pod

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ing transferred inmates if they have mental health issues or other specific needs.

The department would also have to cover the costs associated with transporting inmates to and from other facilities, which often requires two deputies.

Matz said the department is looking to hire 10 new deputies.

The sheriff’s office eliminated two positions in the jail and combined the duties into one new position which is a savings of about \$67,000 annually.

County Supervisor Kate Hancock-Cook sits on the committee and asked if the inmate population numbers would drop in the coming months.

Hancock-Cook was looking at crime data released by Oshkosh Police that showed offenses like aggravated assaults are down in Oshkosh from 76 reported from January to August in 2024 and 67 reported in 2025.

However, Matz pointed out that Oshkosh is seeing an increase in crime with shootings, stabbings and other serious crimes rising. He added that violent crimes went up by 7% between 2023 and 2024, and it’s a trend that is continuing this year.

The Herald has reported on a number of violent crimes this year. In March, a 16-year-old Menasha girl allegedly fired multiple shots at a home in a densely populated area of Oshkosh. A month later, a man fired a gun into a crowded bar after being physically removed from the establishment.

During the Fourth of July holiday a man died from a stabbing at Menominee Park.

Offenses for inmates at the Winnebago County Jail range from homicides to second offense drunk driving.

“Experience tells me that this isn’t changing,” Matz said.

The data from the sheriff’s office shows the county jail is getting closer to maximum capacity. In 2024, the jail averaged 239 inmates.

Another aspect of the sheriff’s proposed budget includes a new rescue boat that will be housed in Menasha and can be put on a trailer and transported to a scene especially in rivers and smaller lakes where a smaller vessel is needed.

“A smaller boat can get into the smaller lakes that are shallow and harder to navigate,” Matz said.

The Marine Unit replacement is set to cost \$151,000. The current boat has 3,700 engine hours and multiple repairs. The department was recently told that no repairs are possible for the boat and that it needs to be replaced.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Oct. 16

Community Screening of Come Back Home presented by Breakwater: A Community Together, 5:30 p.m., Sage Hall Room 1210

EAA Speaker Series: Steve Wittman, Oshkosh’s Air Race Legend, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Friday, Oct. 17

Merrill Memorial Corner Dedication, 11:30 a.m., 108 West New York Ave.

National Chemistry Week program, 4:30 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library

Brews in the Zoo, 5 p.m., Menominee Park Zoo

Seeds and Cider, 5 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park, registration required

A Historic Paranormal Investigation, 5:30 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

UWO Choirs, 7 p.m., Theatre Arts Center

World Ballet Company presents The Great Gatsby, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Saturday, Oct. 18

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Ruby’s Pantry, 9:30 a.m., St. John’s Lutheran Church of Nekimi, 491 Old Oregon Road

Zooloween Boo, 11 a.m., Menominee Park Zoo

A Historic Paranormal Investigation, 5:30 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

Evil Dead 2, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Rock Harp Experience, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Center

Broadway’s Rock of Ages, 7:30 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Sunday, Oct. 19

UWO Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band, 3 p.m., Theatre Arts Center

Friday, Oct. 24

Antiques Sporting Advertising and Collectibles Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Southside Halloween Bash, 5 p.m., St. Jude the Apostle Church on Knapp

Cocomelon: Sing-A-Long Live, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Deadly Friend, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Saturday, Oct. 25

Downtown Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.

Antiques Sporting Advertising and Collectibles Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

EAA Space Day, 10 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Winnebago Audubon Society Chocolate and Coffee Tasting for the Birds, 10 a.m., James P. Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Road Y

Spooktacular Pawlloween, noon, Oshkosh Area Humane Society

Trunk or Treat, 2 p.m., Wesley United Methodist Church, 761 Florida Ave.

Pints of the Past, 6 p.m., Morgan House

The Masked Murderer Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Hotel Transylvania (2012), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

Sunday, Oct. 26

Wisconsin Herd Run With The Herd 5K and 1K Family Fun Run, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Oshkosh Area Women Association Benefit Style Show, 4:30 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Wednesday, Oct. 29

Fox Valley Take Back the Night, 5 p.m., Culver Family Welcome Center

Friday, Oct. 31

City of Oshkosh Trick-or-Treat, 5-7 p.m.

Trick-or-Tease: A Burlesque Masquerade, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

House on Haunted Hill in Emergo, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater

The Pocket Kings play Thriller, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Hintz discusses proposals for county budget

By Anya Kelley
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz said that county government tends to be elusive to the average person, so he is utilizing the importance of the budget to engage in public conversations to discuss proposals for the county budget for next year.

“I think county government does a lot of great things but also makes sure that what we’re spending our money on, what we’re investing in, aligns with what the public’s priorities are,” Hintz said. “Because how can we know if we’re doing the right things if the public isn’t following or is unable to follow what we’re doing?”

Winnebago County is one of 72 counties in the state and has a total budget of \$238 million. Of the total budget, \$74 million comes from property tax revenue, \$36 million of which is generated from villages and towns. Hintz said historically, Winnebago County has been frugal compared to other counties.

Over the 2025 budgeting cycle, Winnebago County reduced the structural deficit from \$8,587,512 to \$7,236,065. In addition to reducing the deficit, the County Veteran Service Office is on track to deliver \$67.4 million in compensation and

pension to veterans in the county by the end of the year.

Hintz’s presentation during a listening session Oct. 8 in Winneconne broke down the top 10 departments by expenses in the proposed budget with the number one being health and human services. Together, that area of the budget takes up about 40% of the county’s total expenditure.

“When I think of county government, I’ve always felt like the biggest thing that I identify with is social services,” Hintz said. “That’s really what the biggest bread and butter is of what I think county services do.”

Health and human services are a highly expansive area including everything from education to lead paint remediation to healthy aging. A large portion of that funding comes from both state and federal grants, which may cause complications in the future with the passing of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and the loss of certain grant dollars.

“We’re always going to have a challenge with more demand for services than there



Hintz

are resources,” Hintz said.

Hintz said the upcoming budget has not been significantly impacted, but the 2027 budget likely will be. Some changes for this year include the loss of IT security funding and the loss of funding for a food wise educator position through the UW-Extension. Hintz said this year’s budget includes a 3% increase for tariffs and increasing labor costs and inflation.

Other complications for the upcoming budgeting cycle include the former UW-Oshkosh Fox Cities campus that the county took ownership of on July 1, the increasing demand for housing, a growing homeless population and the need for new county facilities. Hintz said one of his biggest challenges is figuring out how to get the county to think collectively when each individual municipality is facing uniquely important issues.

In an effort to improve the budgeting process, including transparency and engagement, Hintz pushed the beginning of the process forward to allow the county board and committees more time to evaluate.

Budget workshops kicked off in mid-September rather than mid-October this year. A budget brief was also made available to the public for a simplified breakdown of where the money is going. Hintz said eight budget

amendments have already been drafted.

The 2026 budget is focused on increasing fiscal responsibility, with a further emphasis on accuracy and efficiency.

After falling behind similar markets, Hintz said Winnebago County has worked to increase investment in the workforce and will continue to fill crucial positions in the coming year.

“We need to find a way to be competitive for recruitment and attainment purposes for long-term stability,” Hintz said.

The county will see a net increase of 26.2 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions across different departments. Five positions will be used to move the Homelessness, Evictions, and Loss Prevention (HELP) program from project positions to a permanent fixture in the county. Five positions have been eliminated for a total saving of \$431,775.

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors meets at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month on the fourth floor of the Winnebago County Courthouse. Its next meeting is Oct. 21. In addition, the board is set to consider the 2026 Executive Budget at 6 p.m. Oct. 27.

Meetings are available to stream online at winnebagocowi.portal.civicclerk.com/.

ThedaCare spotlights breast cancer risk assessment in October

Start with talking to a primary provider

Oshkosh Herald

Completing a breast cancer risk assessment gives women the knowledge and awareness to help make informed

decisions about their breast health, ThedaCare said.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to help raise awareness and educate people about breast cancer. ThedaCare is joining the campaign, reinforcing the importance of early detection.

“Breast cancer risk assessment can help guide women and their care teams in determining the most appropriate screening type and schedule,” said Dr. Honnie Bermas, a Breast and Oncology Surgeon. “It can also prompt women to take steps to improve their health so they can reduce their risk of developing breast cancer.”

ThedaCare’s accreditation through the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers requires that all women who complete diagnostic or screening mammography or imaging must also receive a risk assessment.

A breast cancer risk assessment is a tool that can help predict the likelihood that someone will develop breast cancer at some point in their life. Overall, the average risk of a woman developing breast cancer in her lifetime is approximately 13%, according to the American Cancer Society (ACS).

An assessment typically consists of completing a detailed questionnaire. A physician or other provider may gather information and ask questions pertaining to other factors.

No assessment can predict with certainty whether a woman will develop breast cancer. It’s about helping identify risk and taking steps to monitor and reduce the risks, Bermas said.

“The risk level assigned to a woman can help guide screening recommendations,” she said. “For example, we may determine that a woman might benefit from other types of screenings in addition to a mammogram.”

Mammography recommendations vary by organization but most agree that women should begin screening mammo-

grams by age 40. Women should talk with their doctor or provider about whether to complete screening mammograms every year or every other year, Bermas said.

If a woman is at higher risk for breast cancer, a doctor may recommend additional screening such as a breast MRI. Screening breast MRIs would be used in addition to mammography, not instead of, Bermas advised.

“A breast MRI might have an opportunity to pick up some cancers not visible on a mammogram,” she said. “It also can lead to false positives, which may in turn lead to unnecessary invasive testing and distress for the woman. Your doctor will talk with you about the pros and cons of additional testing.”

If a woman is at especially high risk or has specific circumstances or risk factors, a doctor also may recommend genetic testing and counseling.

A breast cancer risk assessment may prompt helpful discussion around positive lifestyle steps women can take to reduce their risk. Some risk factors, people can change. These are called modifiable. Non-modifiable risk factors, on the other hand, include age, race/ethnicity, breast density and family and personal breast cancer history, Bermas explained.

A doctor or advanced practice provider may discuss:

- Limiting or avoiding alcohol consumption. Drinking alcohol may raise a woman’s risk for developing breast cancer. The ACS recommends abstaining from alcohol.
- Maintaining a healthy weight. Being overweight or obesity after menopause may increase a woman’s breast cancer risk.

Southside Halloween Bash features activities for kids

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The Southside Halloween Bash will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct 24 at St. Jude the Apostle Church, 519 Knapp St., which is the same location as last year.

The event will have a large trunk-or-treat area for the kids outside, free carnival games and food inside.

In addition, a costume contest will

be held and all participants will be able to cast their vote for the best decorated trunk with the winning one receiving a prize.

New this year will be an area for organizations to set up booths to participate in the trick or treat activities. Pointer from the Wisconsin Herd is scheduled to make an appearance.

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Inmate receives 25 year sentence for WRC homicide

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An inmate who killed another inmate at the Wisconsin Resource Center (WRC) last year will spend the next 25 years in state prison.

Jumal Lipscomb would be 66 years old when he is released from prison after he was sentenced Friday at the Winnebago County Courthouse. He pled guilty to an amended charge of first-degree reckless homicide.

He was initially charged with intentional homicide, but due to his mental health needs, a deal was struck to amend the charge. District Attorney Eric Sparr and defense attorneys Emma Blankschein and Brianne Patzer made a joint recommendation to Judge Scott Woldt for 25 years to run concurrently with Lipscomb's current sentence.

Video of the May 21, 2024 incident was played in the courtroom during the sentencing hearing. Sparr said it was important for the court to see the "horrific incident" captured entirely on video.

The video shows Lipscomb and the victim sitting outside at a picnic table, and eventually the victim runs away from Lipscomb. Lipscomb then is seen kicking

Police investigating pub crawl incidents

Oshkosh Herald

Pub Crawl once again led to multiple arrests over the weekend.

The Oshkosh Police Department took two people into custody related to Pub Crawl. The department deployed the Mobile Field Force to assist officers working throughout the unsanctioned event.

Pub Crawl takes place in the fall and spring with house parties throughout the area surrounding the UWOC campus. OPD often reports incidents following the event and the large increase in pedestrian traffic in the area.

Around 11:10 p.m. on Saturday night officers were dispatched to Scott Avenue and Cherry Street where numerous men were reported to be "brandishing firearms and pointing firearms at people in the area."

When police arrived they located one of the suspects, a 17-year-old from Neenah, who resisted the officers. The suspect allegedly tried to "grab something from the front of his pants."

The suspect continued resisting before officers got him onto the ground. That is when officers allegedly located a loaded handgun underneath the suspect's body. He was arrested and referred for charges of possession of a dangerous weapon by a person under 18, first degree recklessly endangering safety, carrying a concealed

the victim while the victim lies on a ramp leading back into the facility.

Blankschein explained that the employees that initially responded to the incident were responding to a noise complaint.

Before the two employees opened the door to find Lipscomb and the victim, the video zooms in on the incident. The victim is not moving as Lipscomb continues kicking the victim while they're on the ground, and Woldt said it appeared the victim was unconscious.

Sparr said the victim was struck 40 times during the encounter.

Sparr also stated that there was clear documentation that Lipscomb had been struggling with his mental health and made many requests for help that went unanswered.

Lipscomb had been transferred to the WRC just a few days before the incident happened. Blankschein explained that he had requested help for his mental health needs over 50 times.

During the investigation of the case, Sparr and his office unveiled a number of incidents that contributed to Lipscomb's mental health needs. This included multiple suicide attempts and a mild traumatic

weapon, resisting/obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct.

While police were still in the area, a fight began involving about 100 people, and an officer was allegedly knocked to the ground. The officer was transported to a hospital to treat a non-life-threatening head injury.

Officers then responded to the 800 block of Scott Avenue after a Wisconsin State Trooper observed a suspect involved in a battery complaint.

A man fled on foot and the trooper allegedly saw that the suspect, a 20-year-old from Ripon, had a handgun in his hand. He was taken into custody on a probation hold. Before he was arrested, the man is believed to have dropped a black and gray backpack.

Police were searching for the backpack in the area of the 700 to 800 blocks of Woodland, Scott and Prospect avenues. However, on Monday police reported a handgun was located in the 800 block of Woodland Avenue.

As a result, OPD said it is no longer searching for the backpack.

If anyone has information regarding this incident, they are encouraged to contact the Oshkosh Police Department at 920-236-5700. Those who wish to remain anonymous can contact the Winnebago County Crime Stoppers at 920-231-8477.

brain injury he suffered when he was beat up at the Milwaukee County Jail.

"This all fed into what happened," Sparr said.

Lipscomb did speak during the hearing, he apologized to the victim, the court and reiterated he was seeking help.

"I was trying to seek help but I couldn't get it," he said.

Lipscomb's son submitted a letter to Woldt before the hearing. The letter went over his father's struggles with mental health going back to Lipscomb losing

his mother at an early age.

Lipscomb was in custody from two cases from about 10 years ago. One case is from Waukesha County, where Lipscomb was found guilty of robbery with use of force, and the other is from Milwaukee County, where he was found guilty of reckless injury, forceful abduction of a child and robbery with use of force.

He has approximately six years left on the sentences he is serving for those cases. He will then serve another 19 years for the homicide case.

Appleton man sentenced to federal prison

Oshkosh Herald

A man has been sentenced to spend the next 10 years in federal prison following gun incidents in Appleton and Oshkosh.

Jason Evans, 42, was sentenced in September after being convicted of possession of a firearm as a convicted felon. Senior United States District Judge William C. Griesbach sentenced Evans to 120 months in federal prison.

A release from the U.S. Attorney's office, Eastern District of Wisconsin states that on Dec. 25, 2024 Appleton Police responded to a domestic incident. When officers arrived at the scene, they found a woman "lying face down in a pool of blood as Evans was kicking her head."

Evans was arrested and four guns were seized due to his prior felony conviction. He was initially charged in Outagamie County with four counts of possession of firearm by a convicted felon and one count of substantial battery – intent to cause bodily harm.

Those charges were dropped by the Outagamie County district attorney's of-

fice before federal charges were filed. This is a common practice for local prosecutors if the federal government takes the case.

All of the firearms seized were test-fired and entered into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN). At that time, it was determined one of the guns seized was connected to a shooting in Oshkosh on Nov. 1, 2024.

That's when federal investigators were able to link Evans to the Oshkosh shooting incident.

There were no injuries associated with the incident in Oshkosh. OPD reported at the time that officers were dispatched to the 800 block of Oregon Street at 9:19 p.m. on Nov. 1 after a number of people reported hearing gunshots in the area.

Officers believed there was an argument between a group of people in a vehicle and a pedestrian. The pedestrian then began firing a gun at the vehicle. The vehicle was struck, but no one inside the vehicle was injured.

Evans was never charged in Winnebago County related to the incident.



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Strong soybean yields, shaky prices define fall harvest

By Michael J. Cooney
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

As soybean harvest ramps up across Winnebago County, local farmers are reporting excellent yields thanks to nearly ideal growing conditions this season. Warm temperatures, well-timed rains and a long frost-free stretch helped produce one of the most consistent crops in recent years.

But even with a strong harvest, many producers face economic headwinds. Local farmer and custom harvester Dennis Radloff says the current market is making it difficult to turn those good yields into profit.

“Great crop this year — the weather conditions were perfect,” Radloff said recently while sitting in the cab of his combine in a field picking soybeans. “Unfortunately, bean prices are near \$9 a bushel and very uncertain with the condition of the market.”

According to the Wisconsin Soybean Marketing Board, most Wisconsin fields are rated good to excellent, but falling

prices are squeezing margins. “Farming in this market is a real gamble,” Radloff said. “Local farmers need about \$12 a bushel in order to make any money.”

With prices stuck near \$9 per bushel and the loss of China as a major export market, growers are weighing whether to sell now or hold grain in storage.

Radloff, who raises soybeans on his own acreage and does custom combining for neighbors, described farming in today’s economy as “a real gamble.”

“The market changes daily. Farmers can sell right away at current prices or hold part or all of the crop over winter hoping things improve,” Radloff explained. “Many do a combination — selling some now, then periodically through the winter.”

As the price volatility continues, many producers are left balancing high yields against uncertain returns.

For now, optimism in the field is tempered by caution at the grain elevator.



Photo by Michael Cooney

Dennis Radloff of Den Car Farms talks about the soybean harvest while driving his combine.

Event to discuss prairie restoration

Oshkosh Herald

Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust and Urban Ecology Oshkosh will share information about prairie plants and supporting restoration during a Seeds and Cider event from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Winnebago County Community Park.

After learning to identify important plant species, participants are invited to help collect and clean seeds from those

species in restoration areas at Winnebago County Community Park.

Guests can enjoy freshly pressed apple cider while collecting seeds. Participants will get to take seeds home with them as well.

This event is free and open to all, regardless of age or experience. Registration is requested.

More information is available at newlt.org.



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Cummins mural to become largest in the state

Oshkosh Herald

A 1,000-foot-long mural is being installed on the riverfront-facing back wall of the Cummins plant on High Avenue.

A partnership with Discover Oshkosh, Cummins and the JEK Foundation, this project, when complete, will become the largest mural in Wisconsin to date and a bold visual anchor along the Oshkosh Riverwalk.

Muralist Mauricio Ramirez has been selected to create the piece. Ramirez is a Mexican-American visual artist celebrated for his vibrant geometric style, layered symbolism and ability to weave local stories into monumental works.

His murals can be found across the United States in cities such as Chicago, Minneapolis, Seattle, Kansas City and Albuquerque. In Wisconsin, he is best known for his 55-foot Giannis Antetokounmpo mural in Milwaukee. He has also completed projects for major national clients, from the NFL to corporate partners, while remaining committed to community-based storytelling in public art.

Ramirez’s Oshkosh project will celebrate the city’s industrial and cultural heritage, nodding to the timber and aviation industries, the iconic Oshkosh B’gosh brand and the legacy of Lewis Hine’s photography. The work will also highlight the continued innovation inside the Cummins facility, which produced the first manufactured axle in the world and remains a hub of automotive manufacturing.

The project represents more than a single piece of art. It is the first major investment in Discover Oshkosh’s new placemaking initiative, which will leverage investments in public art and placemak-



Submitted photo

A mural is being installed on the back wall of the Cummins plant on High Avenue that is expected to become the largest mural in Wisconsin to date.

ing to create more dynamic public spaces across Oshkosh.

“There is no denying the infectious enthusiasm and vision that Amy (Albright) and her team bring to the table,” said Courtney Lasky, trustee of the JEK Foundation. “We can only hope that this inspirational mural will spur further creative endeavors and partnerships along Oshkosh’s riverfront and throughout our entire community.”

Project organizers hope to draw attention to the transformative investments the City of Oshkosh and Winnebago County have made in the riverfront trails, now connecting 11 miles that stretch from Lake Winnebago to Lake Butte des Morts and back along both sides of the Fox River.

With Ramirez’s mural rising along its path, the riverwalk will begin its shift from a recreational asset to a cultural destination.

“We often talk about the riverwalk as a mansion with no furniture,” said Discover Oshkosh Executive Director Amy Albright. “With Mauricio’s vision, we will turn an industrial wall into a vibrant destination, motivating more people to use this asset we’ve invested in and making people feel pride in Oshkosh as they bike or boat past it.”

Ramirez echoed that sentiment.

“For me, murals are not just decoration — they are stories cast in color,” he said. “In Oshkosh, I see many stories: from timber, to factories, to the hum of aviation and machines. My hope is that every walk-

er, cyclist or visitor on the riverwalk will feel connected to the past, present and future of this great place.”

The project is expected to be completed by the end of the month. Viewers can watch the mural unfold on the river or riverwalk. Easiest access to this stretch of the riverwalk is heading north from the UWO campus or south from the Public Museum. For more information on this and other placemaking initiatives, head to visitoshkosh.com/placemaking.

The JEK Foundation is based in Oshkosh and supports a variety of causes including basic needs, cultural initiatives, economic development, health care and youth throughout Oshkosh and the surrounding area.

Stetson to perform at Masonic Center

Oshkosh Herald

Known as America’s Master Mentalist, Jon Stetson will be performing in Oshkosh.

Jon Stetson – The Stetson Experience is scheduled for a 7 p.m. show Nov. 1 at Oshkosh Masonic Center, 204 Washington Ave. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails.

Stetson is said to perform “a truly mind-blowing, crowd-pleasing, audience interactive mix of magic, mind reading and amazing mystery all packaged together and delivered by an engaging and funny comedic personality.”

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UWO art alumnus creates wrap for Kolf Sports Center

By Grace Lim
UW-OSHKOSH TODAY

Josh Marquardt, co-owner of Art City Wraps in Oshkosh, was creator with his team of a 6,400-square-foot Kolf Sports Center wrap that took 40 hours to print.

When the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh unveiled the massive 6,400-square-foot graphic wrapping the berms of Kolf Sports Center, it wasn’t just a bold celebration of Titan athletics — it was also the homecoming of an alumnus whose artistic journey began in the university’s studios.

Marquardt, who owns Art City Wraps with his wife Carla, first explored his passion for printmaking on campus, where mentors like retired art professor Gail Panske instilled in him both discipline and accuracy while urging him to push forward and graduate. He also found creative mentorship in his peers, learning the value of dialogue, critique and encouragement that shaped how he approaches both art and business.

Two decades later, Marquardt has

built a career that bridges fine art and large-scale commercial installation, with projects spanning Lambeau Field, Fiserv Forum, multiple Super Bowls and international competitions. Yet the Kolf wrap, which required more than 40 hours of printing and the challenge of installing on a pitched concrete berm, stands out as his first large mural on campus, and a particularly meaningful one for a UWO alum who chose to stay in Oshkosh.

“It is a thrill to come to campus with a crew and be able to showcase local athletes the way we showcase pros on the big stage,” Marquardt said. “This was also my first large mural on campus, despite years of doing projects across the country, which made it deeply meaningful to return and contribute here.”

The project was made possible through a partnership with Discover Oshkosh, which worked with UW–Oshkosh to bring the wrap to life.

“By collaborating with UW–Oshkosh, we were able to create something that not



Photo from UW-Oshkosh

The Art City Wraps crew spent several days installing the graphics over the concrete berms in front of Kolf Sports Center.



Photo from UW-Oshkosh

UWO alumnus Josh Marquardt and his wife, Carla, owners of Art City Wraps of Oshkosh, are creators of the massive Titan artwork wrap that covers the concrete berms in front of Kolf Sports Center.

only celebrates Titan athletics but also gives Oshkosh a bold new landmark,” said Amy Albright, executive director of Discover Oshkosh. “This installation gives Oshkosh a powerful new landmark. It shows off the energy and excellence of Titan athletics in a way that’s impossible to

miss, and it reflects the pride we all share in our community.”

As a self-described “townie,” Marquardt has invested what he’s earned nationally back into his community, and now, into the very campus where his creative voice was first nurtured.

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Knights rout Panthers to earn share of Trailways title

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Lourdes Academy’s 2024 season got a bit derailed from expectations as a couple of key injuries and some hard-fought close losses left the Knights with a 4-3 record in the Trailways Conference and a 5-4 mark in the regular season.

Things feel much better in 2025.

The Knights remained unbeaten and clinched at least a share of the conference title following last Friday’s 42-0 thumping of Palmyra-Eagle on JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

“It was a rough time for us last year but it



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Brady Bauer wraps up Palmyra-Eagle quarterback Ryan Brodzik for a sack in the first half on Friday night.

shows with all of the healthy players what we can accomplish,” said senior lineman Tristan Gomez. “It feels amazing.”

The lopsided win allowed head coach Kevin Wopat to substitute judiciously to maintain the team’s health leading into Friday’s regular-season finale at Parkview/Albany.

Although he wanted to play his key players long enough to keep them sharp, he also realized the benefits of being able to let them sit and watch from the sidelines for a while.

“Anytime we can get (the guys) off the field, it’s smart, but our kids need to play more than two quarters to get ready for the postseason,” Wopat said. “Plus, the young bucks get the best reps out here because they do get to see the varsity speed and that helps.”

Although the score ended up being lopsided, there was a tenuous stretch in the first half after the Knights scored on their first two possessions to take a 14-0 lead.

A roughing the punter penalty on the Knights late in the first quarter allowed the Panthers to extend their drive and Palmyra-Eagle was able to march inside the Lourdes Academy 10-yard line.

But on fourth-and-goal from the 9-yard line, Brady Bauer sacked Panther quarterback Ryan Brodzik to give the ball back to the Knights and Lourdes would extend the lead to 28-0 by intermission.

“They gave us everything we could handle last year and that roughing the punter penalty allowed them to go on an eight-minute drive,” Wopat said. “Our defense was able to stop them there and (our defense) has come leaps and bounds from last year.”



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy’s Lucas Neuens makes a leaping catch behind a Palmyra-Eagle defender during Friday night’s win.

After stopping Palmyra-Eagle on the opening drive of the game, Lourdes Academy marched 52 yards on five running plays for the first score of the game as Brady Ridenour darted in from five yards out.

The defense then stopped the Panthers on a fourth-down run at their own 30-yard line on the next drive and scored again three plays later on a three-yard run by Bauer.

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Warriors’ Behling catches on quickly to new position

By Tim Froberg

HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Valley Christian opponents know the numbers.

They fully understand they are competing in eight-man football – with three players less than the traditional game.

Still, it feels like 11 are on the field whenever Matthias Behling takes a snap.

He’s extra trouble on both sides of the ball.

The Warriors’ athletic wide receiver and defensive back is making a name for himself this fall...and he’s doing it at a new position.

Behling has made an ultra-smooth transition to wide receiver after being the Warriors’ quarterback the past two seasons. He has quickly emerged as a playmaker on the perimeter with a knack for finding the end zone. Five games into the 2025 season, Behling had 24 receptions for 395 yards and five touchdowns.

He has also been a ballhawk at safety. “We’re blessed to have Matthias on this team and as a leader,” said Valley Christian coach Ben Birr. “He has grown a lot as a football player. He leads with his toughness and work ethic. He’s been a playmaker on both sides of the ball.”

Behling was a first-team all-Southeast-8 Conference selection as a junior at defensive back and ranked among the state leaders in interceptions (four). He has picked off five passes for the Warriors so far this this season.

Behling was a productive quarterback at VC in 2024. He completed 56 of 129 passes for 434 yards and seven touchdowns, while rushing for 144 yards and five TDs. However, the Warriors liked the potential of junior Mason Everts at quarterback and felt Behling’s explosiveness could be better served as a receiver.

“Mason (Everts) is a stud at quarterback,” said Behling. “He can run, truck people and throw the ball. I enjoyed playing quarterback, and I think the coaches wanted the ball in my hands. But I’m a better receiver than quarterback. I only played it because we didn’t have anyone else.

“I love playing wide receiver. I’ve always wanted to play it. I feel it’s my true position. It’s a lot of fun.”

Behling’s impressive athleticism has made the switch to receiver almost seamless. The 6-0, 175-pound Behling has a 34-inch vertical leap and has been timed as low as 4.61 seconds in the 40-yard

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dash. “I think my natural athleticism helps,” said Behling. “I’ve always been a little quicker and able to jump higher than most kids.

“Route running, though, is really important. You need to be able to turn a defensive back’s hips. If the defense is in Cover 3 and I’m one on one with a safety, I feel that if the ball is in the air near me, I can usually outjump him. I feel the odds are pretty good that I’m catching it.”

Behling is also pretty good at catching opponents’ passes. He is a playmaking safety who has a knack for picks.

“I know that as a former quarterback, it sucks to throw an interception,” Behling said. “Having been a quarterback just kind of helps me. I’m able to think to myself, ‘Who would I throw it to right now?’ And it seems like 90% of the time that’s where the ball goes. I love catching interceptions. It just sinks the quarterback’s confidence and you kind of know that you’re in his head.”

Birr feels that Behling’s instincts, work ethic and love of the game contribute to his high interception total.

“His football IQ has always been solid because he’s a student of the game,” Birr said. “He loves to watch film and take notes.”

Behling enjoys playing eight-man football and doesn’t feel like it’s dramatically different from the 11-man game that most Wisconsin high schools play.

“I actually like it a lot more than 11-man football,” said Behling. “It wasn’t too much of an adjustment. It’s a little different but it’s still football. It doesn’t really affect how you play. The games are a lot higher scoring. It’s just fun and it’s easier to build camaraderie out there because you only have eight guys. You learn to trust the other seven guys on the field.”

Playing both ways isn’t a problem for Behling who prides himself on his multi-dimensional football skills.

“I just feel that if you’re a good athlete, you should be able to play both ways,” he said. “I never really get too fatigued. During one of our games this year, I heard



Photo by Jaeda Niemi

Valley Christian’s Matthias Behling made the switch to receiver this season after playing quarterback for the Warriors the past two seasons.

someone from the other team’s sideline say, ‘Hey, that No. 3 can do it all.’ That definitely boosted my pride.”

Yes, Behling can do it all – and not just on the gridiron. He’s a three-sport athlete who is a top basketball player during the winter for the Warriors. Behling averaged a team-high 12.1 points per game as a junior along with 4.2 rebounds (second-best on the team) and 1.0 assists. He is expected to be a candidate for the

league’s player of the year award.

“I feel like I’m our best defender and that’s the area of the game I take the most pride in,” Behling said. “I love both football and basketball and really don’t favor one of them. I’m a football player in the fall and a basketball player during the winter.”

He’s also an exceptional high jumper

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Knights' Quandt gears up for state tournament return

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Lourdes Academy junior Sasha Quandt will be back inside the Nielsen Tennis Center in Madison this weekend.

And after placing fourth at the WIAA Division 2 state tennis meet last year, Quandt has her goals set even higher this time around.

“My main goal is to be in the state final. First or second, that’s where we are aiming for,” Quandt said last week. “I’m so excited. I’ve been waiting for this since last year.”

Quandt will bring an undefeated record into the state tournament, which begins on Thursday. She will be the No. 2 seed in the 28-player bracket and will receive a first-round bye, taking to the court on Friday morning for her first match against either senior Emma Kolb of Luther or junior Grace Schreiber of Catholic Memorial.



Susanna Hundt of Chesterton Academy is the top seed in the bracket and beat Quandt in the third-place match last year.

“She is definitely one of my main (competitors). She’s going to be a challenge,” Quandt said. “Mentally, physically and spiritually I’ve improved my game and I am excited to be back at state.”

The other top seeds in the Division 2 bracket are freshman Annabelle Parker of Big Foot and senior Misa Herriges of Shorewood. The top four seeds in the bracket all receive a first-round bye.

This is Quandt’s third trip to the state tournament and she has had plenty of success in Madison.

As a freshman, an unseeded Quandt won her first two matches – including a first-round victory over Kolb – but came up one win short of earning a medal. She also won two matches in playing to her seed at last year’s state meet.

All of that experience has her prepared for another successful run.

“I didn’t know what to expect my freshman year but going back as a sophomore, I was familiar with the routine,” Quandt said. “Now going back as a junior, I have set goals for myself.”

Quandt enters the state tournament off a second straight sectional title in which she didn’t lose a set in besting the No. 1 singles field at the Kohler Sectional.

She beat Sheboygan’s South’s Jaqueline Fadaeeyan in her quarterfinal match before blanking Sheboygan Falls’ Riley Pelletiere 6-0, 6-0 in the semifinals. In the title match, Quandt breezed past Eila Webber of Kohler, 6-1, 6-2.

“I have been using my serves as an attack tool and I have definitely improved on that,” Quandt said. “I haven’t gotten many matches under my belt but I am proud of my undefeated record so far and hopefully I can keep that through state.”

Quandt’s 15 matches are the fewest of any player in the Division 2 state singles field and she is one of only three players who don’t have at least 20 matches in this season.

However, Quandt has plenty of match experience outside of this high school season and was going to use the week to prepare herself for the state matches.

“Getting ready for state, like knowing it’s coming, is a lot on your shoulders, but playing wise, it’s not bad,” Quandt said. “When I get into practice, I’m locked in. I have just one focus.”

Quandt said her practice time this week will be used to make sure she is in top form when she takes the court on Friday.

“It’s mainly just fine-tuning things and mentally preparing. And when I get to state I just clear out everything and my main focus is just playing,” Quandt said. “The key is just to believe in yourself. Don’t let any crowds get in the way of you just staying focused. And you just have to play you. That’s really it.”



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Lourdes Academy junior Sasha Quandt will compete in the WIAA individual state tennis tournament this weekend where she is seeded second in the Division 2 singles field.

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Strong first set helps Wildcats breeze past rival Spartans

By Joe Matzek
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh West didn’t relax against Oshkosh North despite winning 14 of its previous 16 matches.

The Wildcats took control of the first set and turned back the Spartans’ challenge in set two before mixing in their reserves in the final set of a 25-9, 25-16, 25-13 victory on North’s Senior Night on Thursday.

West trailed only once in the hour-long match, at 1-0 in the third set.

“We try to play our brand of volleyball,” West coach Will Brydon said. “We want to play fast; we want to play aggressive.”

All of West’s players saw action in the match, and senior setter MaKaelyn Clark said they all made contributions.

“I definitely think everyone played a very important role in this game,” said Clark, who led the Wildcats with 20 assists and four aces. “Everyone got to shine, for sure. Brydon really stresses that ‘15 strong’ mentality, and I think that’s what we were able to do tonight with being able to get everyone in the game.”

West led the first set 10-6 and then turned up its intensity and focus a notch, going on a 15-3 run to win the set. The Wildcats took the last five points with two kills from outside hitter Sydnee Nelson and two kills from middle blocker Olivia Warren before Nelson went off-speed for the final kill.

The Spartans came back in the second set, winning some battles with their block and cutting down on their errors.

“They held their own,” North coach Ryan Seeley said of his team. “They came back. They fought hard. They did well. Oshkosh West is a good team this year, so give them credit for that.”

West led the second set 16-13 before taking control with a 9-3 finish.

“I thought that we came out great in the first set,” Brydon said. “I thought Oshkosh North responded to being down in set two really well and then started to press us and got the momentum back on their side, and then we just had to steal it back.”

The Spartans kept the second set close, narrowing the gap to 9-6 after a tip and an ace from Brinna Paulson, but the Wildcats won the next seven points and closed the match with Noelle Prickett’s kill.

Nelson led West with 12 kills and Emma Liebergen had six. Elaina Butz contributed 20 digs.

Although North couldn’t match West’s firepower and precision, the Spartans also struggled with serves that went long.

“It happens in spurts,” Seeley said. “Some days are on, some days are not. We like to serve them deep to try to get them



Photos by Jim Koepnick
Above: Oshkosh West’s Olivia Warren slams a spike between a pair of blockers in last Thursday’s match against Oshkosh North.

At right: Oshkosh North’s Lucy Houseworth reaches for a ball during Thursday’s match.

to play the ball, but we were just going a little bit too long.”

West, 22-5 overall, is third in the Fox Valley Association with a 6-2 record heading into its regular season finale Thursday against Appleton East.

The Wildcats celebrated two tournament wins in September, taking the Beaver Dam tournament without dropping a set and capturing the Monona Grove tournament.

“We want to play a lot at the right times of the season, so we space (the tournaments) out, but we want to be in the gym getting better,” Brydon said.

Although the Wildcats had high expectations this season, they didn’t set any specific goals, only to show continuous improvement, Clark said.

“Coming into this season, we set a pretty high standard for ourselves, knowing the amount of talent we have on the court and off the court,” Clark said. “And then being able to see the 1 percent to get better every single day in practice, how every-



one’s pushing each other, it’s really cool to see how hard we’ve come and how much more growth we still have (to achieve).”

North (11-13, 1-7) plays at Kaukauna to end the regular season Thursday.

“For us, we’re doing well,” Seeley said. “My focus is regionals, and at that point it’s 0-0 and then everyone resets, and you hope that’s when the team is peaking and you’re coming together.”

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ball right now,” Wopat said. “We felt if we played efficiently on offense that we would be able to control the game. We’re going to be in any game we play as long as we don’t turn the ball over much and right now we aren’t doing that.”

After the defensive stand, Bauer broke free for a 73-yard run to set up a first-and-goal and then scored on a five-yard run three plays later for a 21-0 lead.

Bauer finished with 137 yards on just eight carries with the two touchdowns as the Knights racked up 209 yards on the ground overall on the night.

“Their best d-lineman was very ag-

gressive the first quarter but just kind of stopped after we started running through them,” Gomez said. “(The fast start) was very important. We wanted to separate ourselves right away and show the playoff teams what they have to deal in a couple of weeks.”

Gomez helps anchor a strong offensive line for the Knights that has been a key to the team churning out victories this season.

“We think Tristan is the best lineman in the conference and he has been dominant as our left tackle,” Wopat said. “(Our offensive line) does all the hard work without the glory.”

The rest of the offensive line consists of Jacob Bogardus – who Wopat referred to as a “tough, tough son of a gun” – at tackle,

with Max Behnke and Henry Geck at the guards. Behnke missed almost all of last year because of injury, while Geck is a converted receiver who does a lot of pulling of the Knights.

Sam Rehm has solidified the center position for the group while Wopat also includes tight end Harlan Kuehn in the group.

“He doesn’t want to be called a lineman, but he is an extra lineman out there,” Wopat said with a laugh. “He does a heck of a job for us.”

Just before halftime, Bauer connected with Lucas Neuens on a 12-yard touchdown pass, before opening the second half with a 13-yard scoring pass to Ryder Mullen.

Andrew Syson powered in from one-

yard out for the final Knights’ touchdown.

Outside of the one drive, Palmyra-Eagle never threatened to score and freshman Elwin West Jr. helped the Knights finish off their first shutout of the season with a pair of fourth-quarter interceptions.

“The shutout was very important for us,” Gomez said. “To secure the conference title with a 42-0 win is pretty awesome.”

The Knights can claim the title outright with a win on Friday which is something that would certainly erase the memories of last season.

“We thought we had this type of a team last year but we learned lessons the hard way which sometimes pays off down the road,” Wopat said. “It’s been a lot of fun and I know that nobody wants it to end anytime soon.”

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during the spring. Behling didn’t go out for track and field as a junior because he was playing club basketball, but plans to return to the sport this spring after competing as a high jumper his sophomore year.

“I was jumping 5-10 as a sophomore and I’m hoping to get to six feet and get to state this year,” Behling said. “High jumping isn’t easy. There is a lot of technique involved and you have to really focus mentally and tell yourself you can do it.”

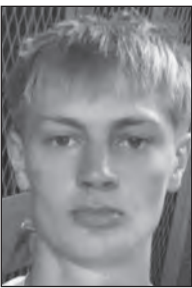
It’s easy to see where Behling’s gets his hops. His father, Thomas, was an outstanding prep athlete in his high school days at Markesan, starring in football and

basketball.

“I think I really tapped into my families’ genetics,” Behling said “My dad was a pretty good football and basketball player and had some college offers in football as a quarterback. He could jump super high.”

Behling, a solid student with a 3.2 grade point average, is interested in competing collegiately, but isn’t sure if he will get the opportunity. His current plans are to attend Fox Valley Technical College next fall and study a trade.

But Behling’s current focus is on the present and helping the Warriors close



Behling

out what has been an outstanding season.

“Conference champs and getting to state are our goals,” he said. “I feel like we’re more united as a team this year and it’s a lot easier to win when you are united. As a Christian school, we’re a lot closer to Christ and we’re all about building a relationship with him. We see him as the center of our team.”

Besides being the Warriors’ best player, Behling is a team captain and a leader.

“His leadership has stood out this season,” Birr said. “He showed that over the summer in workouts and has been one of the main voices to his teammates. He’s highly respected by his teammates. That’s because he walks the walk.”

“He is a spiritual leader and his faith has grown so much. It comes out on the field. Matty brings great energy every day.”

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Prep roundup

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Spartans drop match to Terrors

Oshkosh North won the first set against Appleton West but dropped the next three in falling 22-25, 25-22, 25-18, 25-20.

CROSS COUNTRY

Moore, Spanbauer collect individual wins

Lourdes Academy’s Annie Moore and Henry Spanbauer were the individual winners of their respective races at the Randolph/Cambria-Friesland Invitation-al held at Fox Lake Golf Course last week.

Moore edged Valley Christian’s Mya Moran by eight seconds to win the girls race, helping the Knights win the team ti-tle at the event.

Khloe Bunton finished fourth for the Knights, while Ana Schneidewend was seventh. Allison Stromske, Evelyn Heinzen and Tessia Mroczkowski were the next three finishers for Lourdes Acad-emy placing 13th, 14th and 15th.

Led by Moran, Valley Christian finished third in the team standings. McKenzie Murphy added an 11th place, followed by Merian Getz in 20th Kendra Sandahl in 28th and Madaline Weiss in 33rd.

Spanbauer’s win was part of a 1-2 finish in the boys race for the Knights as Mason Piechowski finished second. Zach Foster joined the duo in the top 10 in seventh place.

The only other runner for the Knights was Cameron Kapral in 19th place.

The Valley Christian boys won the team title led by Jonah Menet in third place and Jack O’Brien in fifth place. Simon Menet and Silas Johnson were 12th and 13th, respective-ly, while Zachary Werner placed 18th.

West boys, girls win crowns at Seymour

Oshkosh West had three runners in the top 10 as the Wildcats claimed the boys title at the 14-team Seymour Invitational last week.

West finished with 58 points, 12 ahead of runner-up Marathon while Pulaski was third with 82 points.

Carter Crowe led the way for West with a runner-up finish with Dominic Moore placing fourth. Juan Collins also made it into the top 10 with an eighth-place finish.

Arjen Karns in 16th place and Alex De-decker in 36th place rounded out the scor-ing runners for the Wildcats.

Oshkosh North, which did not have enough runners to compete as a team, was led by Jay Weber in sixth place. Mason Gumz added a 20th place followed by Reid Anderson in 38th place and Blake Ludwig in 56th.

The West girls also had three runners in the top 10 and four in the top 12 to claim the title, finishing ahead of Green Bay Pre-ble for the crown.

Abby Tercha and Hayllie Hullar fin-ished second and fourth, respectively, to lead the Wildcats, while Gwen Liptow took seventh and Mila Crowe was 12th. Rowen Stellpflug rounded out the Wild-cat scoring runners in 21st place.

The Spartans edged Green Bay Notre Dame by four points for third place at the meet, with Adri Clark pacing North with an eighth-place finish.

Tianna Hayes was the next Spartan run-ner to finish in 18th place, followed by Alli-son Cummings in 38th place, Gabi Pereira da Silva in 62nd place and Savannah Rust in 69th place.



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh North quarterback Bryce Ott runs for yardage against Sheboygan North on Friday.

FOOTBALL

Oshkosh North stays on winning streak

The Spartans put up another convinc-ing win on Homecoming last Friday night, beating Sheboygan North 48-6 to improve to 8-0 on the season.

Oshkosh North, ranked seventh in Di-vision 2, will face fellow unbeaten Green Bay Notre Dame for the Fox River Classic Conference South title on Friday at Titan Stadium. The Tritons are the top-seeded team in Division 2.

The Spartans’ Bryce Ott had a huge game in the win. The senior quarterback completed just seven passes in the game, but six of them went for touchdowns and he finished with 342 yards through the air.

Ott has now thrown for 1,459 yards this season with 20 touchdowns and has been intercepted just four times.

Dalton Clark had three catches for 176 yards and three touchdowns in the game, while Jamare Scott added three catches for 118 yards and two scores. Jackson Ander-son had the remaining receiving touch-down on a 48-yard pass from Ott.

Jamond Thompson-Schreck led the Spartans with 39 yards rushing and added a touchdown run.

Max Rohr had three interceptions in the game to lead the defense, while Clark also had an interception and Everix Blessent recovered a fumble.

The Spartans have allowed only one opponent to score more than 14 points in a game this season and have surrendered just six points in the last three games.

Warriors top Hilltoppers, headed to playoffs

Valley Christian erupted for 33 points in the first quarter and led by 47 points at halftime en route to beating Montello, 53-6, at home on Friday night in the regu-lar-season finale.

Valley Christian will host Elkhart

Lake-Glenbeulah in a first-round game in the 8-player bracket next Saturday af-ternoon. The Warriors are seeded third in their eight-team section of the bracket with Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas earning the top side.

Matthias Behling and Derek Wallace spearheaded the Valley Christian attack as each went over 100 yards rushing and combined for five touchdowns.

Behling finished with 114 yards on eight carries and three touchdowns, while Wal-lace totaled 102 yards on eight carries with a pair of scores. Sam Gloudemans also had a pair of touchdowns and finished with 58 yards rushing while Carter Belville col-lected the Warriors’ final touchdown.

Defensively, Behling finished with two interceptions, while Lincoln Kuhlow re-covered a fumble.

Wildcats can’t keep pace with Polar Bears

Hortonville bolted to a 19-0 lead at half-time and throttled Oshkosh West, 33-5, in a Fox Valley Association game last Friday.

The Wildcats were coming off their first win of the season against Appleton East the week before.

SOCCER

Lourdes/Valley posts three wins

The Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian soccer team posted three wins last week, winning the games by a combined 17-1 margin.

On Saturday, Matthew Loker and Jack-son Buttke each scored a pair of goals in a 6-1 win over Clintonville.

Kaleb Richardson and Isaiah Hyvonen also scored in the game, while Isaak Ru-cinski, Elijah Troiber, Richardson, Reid Dwyer and Steve Stiansen all picked up assists.

Goalkeeper Micah Humiston stopped a penalty kick in the win.

The Knights also beat Xavier last week,

3-0, with Richardson scoring twice and Hudson Depue picking up a goal. Rucins-ki finished with two assists in the win and Josiah Franz had one.

Humiston made four saves in the win.

Lourdes/Valley opened the week with an 8-0 thumping of Wayland Academy.

Loker and Mat Yaggie each had two goals in the win, while Rucinski, Richard-son, Quin Ruark and Liam Buttke each had one.

Matthew Van Groll finished with two assists in the win.

North downs Kaukauna in shutout

Daudi Makechi scored in the second half to lift Oshkosh North to a 1-0 win over Kaukauna last week.

Wapole Misembo and Gerome Mtabi were credited with assists on the goal.

Espoire Amisi stopped all six shots he faced to earn the shutout in net.

West splits pair of matches

Oshkosh West posted a 3-0 win over Appleton East in a Fox Valley Association match on Tuesday, but dropped a 7-3 de-cision to Germantown on Thursday.

SWIMMING

Oshkosh West collects dual meet win

Molly Dudzinski and Kiersten Dietsch-weiler were each a part of four victories as the Wildcats downed Appleton West/ Kimberly, 103-82, in a Fox Valley Associa-tion dual meet last week.

Dudzinski led a 1-2 finish in the 50-yard freestyle placing ahead of teammate Hai-ley Knutson, along with earning a win in the 100-yard butterfly. Dietschweiler post-ed wins in both the 200-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle.

The duo was then joined by Knutson and Avery Booms in winning both the 200-yard freestyle relay and 400-yard free-style relay.

Knutson also picked up a win in the 100-yard freestyle, while Neva Schlies fin-ished first in diving.

Layla Leinen added second places in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard breaststroke, while Booms was second in the 100-yard backstroke.

Schlies, Dietschweiler lead Wildcats at invite

Neva Schlies and Kiersten Dietschwei-ler each won events as Oshkosh West took third at the 10-team invitational it hosted on Saturday.

Schlies finished first in the diving competition, while Mia Drexler added a fourth-place finish for the Wildcats.

Dietschweiler’s win came in the 100-yard freestyle, while she also picked up a fourth place in the 50-yard freestyle.

Other top-five finishes for West came from Avery Booms, who placed fifth in the 50-yard backstroke, and the 200-yard medley relay team of Rylee Coppernoll, Booms, Dietschweiler and Hailey Knut-son which finished fifth.

Oshkosh North/Lourdes Academy also had some strong finishes in the invite led by the 100-yard freestyle relay team of Ashlynn Anderson, Lucy Schade, Addi-son Perzentka and Teya Zinth which fin-ished third. Perzentka, Zinth, Schade and Mya Sonnleitner added a fourth place in the 100-yard medley relay.

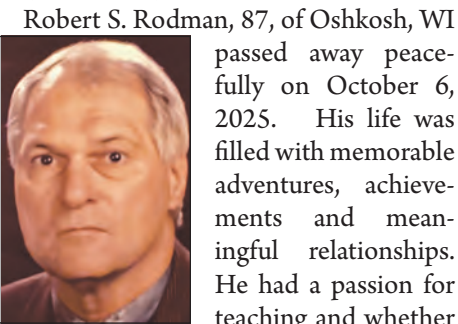
Zinth also tied for fourth in the 25-yard freestyle and Anderson was fifth in the 50-yard breaststroke.

North/Lourdes finished seventh overall in the team standings.

Obituaries

Robert S. Rodman

(1937-2025)



Robert S. Rodman, 87, of Oshkosh, WI passed away peacefully on October 6, 2025. His life was filled with memorable adventures, achievements and meaningful relationships. He had a passion for teaching and whether in the classroom or in the wilderness, he loved guiding others toward discovery. His legacy endures in the countless lives he touched and the trails he blazed so that others may have richer lives.

Bob was born in Escanaba, MI on December 27, 1937, to Stephen and Rena (LaFave) Rodman. Bob graduated from Holy Name High School in 1955 then enrolled at Western Michigan University in 1956 only to transfer to Northland College in January 1957 because his good friend Mike Goymrac persuaded him to join Northland's inaugural hockey team. Pausing his college education, Bob enlisted in the US Army in 1958 with a sense of military duty to his country. Upon

graduating first in his class for cryptology, Bob eventually stationed in Seoul, South Korea. Bob's natural sense of adventure and ease of making friends led him to spend more time off-base than on it. He obtained a blackbelt in the Korean martial art of Tae Kwon Do on his own time and enjoyed becoming close friends with many local South Korean families all of which enriched his experience serving overseas. Upon completing his military service, Bob returned to Northland College, graduating in 1963 with a Bachelors Degree in History and a minor in Physical Ed. Along with his academic studies, Bob played four years of collegiate hockey and baseball, and one season of football. He was admitted to Northland Colleges' Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.

During Bob's freshman year at Northland, he met his future wife, Wendy C. Fredrick of Ashland, WI, who told him after their fourth date that she was going to marry him. They married in August 1961 and would be married for 62 years until Wendy passed away in 2023. After graduating from college, Bob began a career he was destined for, that of a school-teacher, and began teaching in Wautoma,

of golf. Over her lifetime she was the women's club champion in a number of clubs in the U.S. and abroad. She played well into her mid-90's. She was also an avid ping pong player, and thoroughly enjoyed being able to play with her friends to keep active.

Pat is survived by her daughter, Susan Stearns, and her husband Christopher Jacobs, her step-grandchildren McKenzie and Ansley, her nephew Thomas E. Leach (Clara) and their children Thomas and Caroline.

Services will be private. Donations may be made in her memory to the Paine Art Center & Gardens or the Boys and Girls Club of Oshkosh.



Richard Yehle

Richard Yehle, age 78, passed away on Sunday, October 12, 2025 at Aurora Medical Center after a long fight with Cancer. He was born to the late Milton and Helen Yehle on December 19, 1946 in Oshkosh.

A service for Rick will be held at St Raphaels Catholic Church, on October 16, 2025 at 11:30AM. A time of visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 from 5PM until 8PM at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes West (100 Lake Pointe Dr) and again the following day from 10:30AM until the time of service at the Church. A burial will be held at Winneconne Cemetery. A full obituary will be found on Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes website.



WI in 1963 before moving his growing family to Oshkosh, WI for one of the first ever graduate assistantships at UW-Oshkosh's History Department in 1965. Bob was hired by the Oshkosh Public School System in 1967 and began teaching ninth grade Social Studies at the then brand-new Perry Tipler Junior High (now Middle) School. While teaching, Bob would study in the evenings to earn his Master of Science -Teaching degree at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 1970. He dedicated 27 years teaching hundreds of eighth graders at Perry Tipler and served as the longtime head coach of their 7th grade girls' volleyball and 8th grade girls basketball programs, winning numerous championships in both sports. His success led to being offered and accepting the Varsity girls' volleyball coaching position at Oshkosh North High School.

It was during Bob's years at Perry Tipler that his dedication and passion to introduce students to outside school activities began. On his own initiative he began organizing various excursions not offered before. Soon after the Seattle Pilots relocated to Milwaukee, Bob began taking multiple busloads of middle school students to the Milwaukee Zoo followed by a Brewer game, and did so for 20 years straight. He also partnered with his longtime teaching colleague and dear friend, Jim Richards, and organized annual field trips to Washington, D.C. with over 50 students per trip to tour the nation's capital and surrounding historical sites. Try doing that today with only two chaperones! True to being a "UP'er" Bob introduced many students to downhill skiing by leading ski trips over twenty times to Upper Peninsula, MI ski resorts Whitecap Mountain and Blackjack Mountain. He became an avid road bicyclist and during his summer recess took students on numerous long-distance bike trips to the Porcupine Mountains or around Lake Superior. Many of his trips ranged from 500 to 1300 miles and involved camping in strangers' yards and outracing farm dogs. But Bob's real passion was backpacking, and he enjoyed leading groups of students, along with his great friend and former student himself, John Schuttenhelm. Starting in 1980 and

continuing into the late 1990s, Bob led students on over 50 backpacking adventures, many of them for their very first time. Bob enjoyed hiking the Porcupine Mountains and Lake Superior National Seashore, but his real "happy place" was Isle Royale National Park. These trips would often include middle-and high-schoolers who he intuitively knew could endure the inevitable blisters, wet gear, and sore muscles for the pride of accomplishing daily goals, challenging terrain, a sense of teamwork and the excitement of making new friends. Many would proclaim that their first backpacking trip with "Mr. R" was life changing. Many eventually found their own passion for Isle Royale, continuing to this day, hiking among the moose, wolves, foxes, and loons and enjoying Lake Superiors gorgeous sunrises, sunsets and the mystical solitude of Isle Royale trails.

In addition to his passion for teaching and organizing outside student activities, Bob in his younger years pursued his personal passion playing hockey as an award-winning defenseman with the Fond du Lac Bears in the Michigan/Wisconsin Senior League and twice played in national senior tournaments. He was the founder and president of the Oshkosh Youth Hockey Association in the early 1970s and coached various youth hockey teams in Oshkosh, Fond du Lac and Neenah. He played competitive softball for many years with Jackies Beauties at the Sawyer Street softball field. Later, he donated his time and experience to various volunteer activities at the Oshkosh YMCA, Red Cross and the Habitat for Humanity building homes in Oshkosh and served on their Board of Directors.

Bob and Wendy raised three sons, and while he was preceded in death by Wendy, he is survived by their sons Scott (Trisha) Rodman, Michael Rodman and Jeffrey Rodman; five grandchildren: Bridgette, Maddi, Dylan, Saji and Ishan, and several dear, close and caring friends including John & Susan Shuttenhelm, Emily Benedict and Lisa Dorschner - who brought so much joy and care to Bob's life particularly at the end. One can only be so fortunate to have friends like them. A special thank you to the amazing staff at Park View Health Center and Aurora hospice care.

Elaine D. Bradley

Elaine D. Bradley, age 97, passed away at Country Villa in Omro, with family by her side, on Thursday, October 9, 2025. She was born to the late Eldor and Elma (Lichtfuss) Boeshaar on December 23, 1927, in Oshkosh.

After graduating from Oshkosh high school, she was a legal secretary until she married Wayne Bradley on May 22, 1948, when she began her life as a hard working farmer's wife at their home on Bradley Avenue in Pickett. They worked side by side on the farm many wonderful years. In 1981 they moved to Oshkosh where they were able to do traveling with friends and enjoyed playing cards with family and friends.

Elaine joined Homemakers and was an active volunteer. She joined the neighbourhood ladies and friends in Smear Club in 1959, which met the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Elaine was very active in church. She assisted in the office, was part of the quilting group and helped with the Teacher's Closet. Elaine was very particular about her yard, loved planting the flowers each spring and planting her garden. In the Fall she looked forward to picking up hickory nuts and then cracking them and picking out the nuts during the winter.

We would like to Thank the wonderful Ladies, Ashlee, Melissa and Anna from St. Croix Hospice, for giving Elaine such loving, tender care. We also want to Thank Jane and baby Calvin for their frequent visits; as well as her many friends and neighbours.

Elaine is survived by her children, David (Lucy) Bradley and Susan (Steve) Sorenson; her granddaughters, Lisa Bradley, Sara Bradley, Katie (Brock) Baker and Kelly (Jordan) Lloyd and her great-grandchildren, James, Owen, Lilly and Cashtin.

In addition to her parents, Elaine was preceded in death by her beloved husband Wayne, Harold and Viola Bradley, Doris (Richard) Martin, Germaine (Otto) Nelson, Lorraine (Burton) Barthels and Lawrence (Erma) Bradley.

A memorial service for Elaine will be held at Peace Lutheran Church (240 W Ninth Ave, Oshkosh, WI) at a later date.

If you wish to make a memorial donation in Elaine's name, memorials may be directed to St. Croix Hospice, 551 W. Johnson St., Fond du Lac, WI 54935, The Teachers' Closet, Inc., 530 Bay Shore Dr., Oshkosh, WI 54901 or Peace Lutheran Church or a non-profit of your choice.





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Obituaries

Janice Patricia Hielsberg

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Janice (Jan) Patricia (White) Hielsberg, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and friend on Friday, October 3rd, 2025. Her family was with her in the days leading up to her death, and she left this world peacefully, at the age of 66, with her loving husband, Jeff, by her side.

Jan was born in Chicago, IL on Christmas Eve in 1958 to Patricia Helen (La Chance) White and John Thomas White. She was one of seven children. She attended St. Scholastica elementary school, Woodridge school for 7th and 8th grade, then Downers Grover South for high school. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 1982 with a degree in English, and a teaching license. She married Dennis Whitmarsh in 1982 and went on to have seven children, or as she liked to call them, her seven wonders: Savannah, Melinda, Holly, Alexandra, Brittany, Ray, and MaryAnna.

From an early age, Jan was a very gifted craftswoman. She could do it all, sewing, quilting, crocheting, and knitting. She made all the Baptismal gowns, Halloween costumes, First Communion dresses, and anything they could dream up. She was always thinking of others and remembered everyone’s birthday, even the bus driver.



Jan put the magic into every holiday, and always had the house decorated to the nines, including Santa’s footprints on the fireplace and reindeer paws in the snow. She was a beloved preschool teacher for the local community in Montello, then went on to teach middle school for Neshkoro Elementary for ten years. She was a favorite among her students for sure. She also taught school for at risk kids at Winnebago Mental Health Institute. She had a way of reaching out and touching kids in trouble and was always willing to go the extra mile when she could. She was an avid reader and passed her love of literature onto her kids, and if not reading, a love of learning.

Jan later remarried Jeff Hielsberg and welcomed four more children into her life, Devon, Sarah, Sam, and Katie.

Jan and Jeff enjoyed riding on their motorcycle. Jan always compared herself on the back of the motorcycle to a dog with his head outside of a window. Just sheer joy in their eyes with the wind in their faces. They also loved snow shoeing. She always marveled at winter’s beauty while shoeing through the nature preserves in the area. But her favorite was camping at their favorite place, Lake Emily near Stevens Point. When Jan and Jeff retired, they headed out camping all over in the middle of the week when they had the whole campground to themselves. That only lasted a couple of times, as they felt there was something missing. They realized what was missing were the children. She would say, “What is camping without the

children’s laughter, riding bikes all over, drawing pictures with chalk on the road, or splashing around down at the lake?” Jan had an adventurous spirit and was able to share this with others in her “camping years.” Their beloved dog Fuzz is already missing her.

Jan is survived by her husband Jeff, mother Patricia White, siblings, John (Kari) White, Connie (Dennis) Atkinson, Julie White, Brenda White, Brian (Jessica) White, children Savannah Whitmarsh, Melinda (Mark) Koski, Holly (Jeremie) Conrey, Alexandra (Tyler) Hittle, Brittany (James) Soda, Ray (Natalie) Whitmarsh, Maryanna Whitmarsh, and her stepchildren Devon (Kate) Hielsberg, Samuel (Isabella) Hielsberg, Sarah Hielsberg, and Katie (Jason) Karl. With this family, Jan was blessed with numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Jan is preceded in death by her grandparents, her father Jack, and her brother Vincent White, who died on her birthday

in 2009.

Jan loved her family, coffee, and golden retrievers, and we hope and imagine her now sipping a hot mug on a cool morning, with her old goldens, Ralphy and Nick by her side, saving a place, waiting for Fuzz.

A memorial service for Jan will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will take place at the funeral home from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

The family would like to give special thanks to the staff of Elijah’s Place and Aseracare Hospice for their special and loving care of Jan in her final months.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America.

We all love you, and we’ll see you in due time.



John Brooks

John Brooks, age 95, died October 11, 2025, at his home in Oshkosh. Born on the 4th of July 1930 in Exeter, NH, to Olive and John W.R. Brooks, John graduated from the University of New Hampshire, served 4 years in the US Air Force, and earned a Ph.D. in English at the University of Pennsylvania. He married Jennet Nordstrom in 1954 in Bridgeport, CT, and in 1965, they settled in Oshkosh and raised a family. Jennet pre-deceased John in December 2018.

A scholar of Renaissance English literature, John served as professor and chair of UW-O’s English department and Director of Composition during his 28-year career. Upon retiring in 1992, he was designated Professor Emeritus of English and awarded both a Governor’s Special Award and a Certificate of Meritorious Service by the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents. He later joined the Fox Valley Writers organization and taught Life Stories courses at the Oshkosh Seniors Center.

John was a devoted, loving husband

to Jennet and a much loved “Papa” to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A keen and curious reader, avid trout fisherman and lover of wildlife and the outdoors, John also became a competitive card player in later years. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

Survivors include brother, Tim Brooks of Greenwich, CT; children, Brian (Gordon) of Portland, ME, Lisa (Danny) of Glencoe, IL and Tina (Adam) of Claremont, CA; grandchildren, Joseph (Alison), Linnea (Liam), Trevor (Fiona), Eva (Adam) and Jacob (Emma); and great-grandchildren, Elio, Bernadette and John Theodore.

John’s family would like to thank Debbie Borski for her friendship and care as well as Carolyn, Jo and everyone at Senior Stride Home Care. A memorial gathering will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sierra Club.



Diane Marie Locy

Following years of Medical setbacks, Diane Marie Locy age 71 passed away at Edenbrook Nursing Home where she had been admitted for medical rehabilitation. Diane is on a new adventure, a reunion with family, friends and pets that she has not seen in a

long time. Our belief in better things to come guarantees us that Diane is now in a wonderful place where she will be socializing, drinking, gambling and people watching to her heart’s content. Music, laughter and love are guaranteed. Food is delicious and she will never gain an ounce. Adverse medical conditions that include Sepsis and Pandemics are nonexistent. Political discourse and Hatred toward others that include bullying, violence and war are not allowed.

We want to let Diane know that she did a great job and wish her a safe journey. We will remember her smile, her warmth, her energy, her love for life, family, pets and friends. Diane worked very hard all her life trying to be the best most loving Wife up until the very end. She made a difference in the lives of many. She left everywhere she went better than she found it and everything she touched more beautiful. She made us all better versions of ourselves than we would have been without her. Diane will be forever in our hearts until we meet again.

Diane was a Dean’s List student and earned a degree from The University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. In the work place, Diane always placed her own happiness and interest in the well-being of others ahead of her place on an Organizational Hierarchy.

Diane is survived by her Husband Jeff, Brother, Stephen Horen and Mother, Rosemary Horen. She is also survived by her Brother-In-Law Chuck (Anna) Locy, Centennial, Colorado, and Father-In-Law James Locy including many other relatives



and friends that are too numerous to List.

Diane was preceded in Death by most of her Aunts and Uncles, her Grandparents and her Father George Horen. Also, Mother-in-Law Marlene Locy, Greisser-Kloiber.

Private Family Funeral Services will be held at a later date.

When I had to say goodbye to you, my Love, it was like saying goodbye to my Life.

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Michael James Hackwith

Michael James Hackwith was born October 31, 1943 to James and Phyllis Hackwith in Peoria, Illinois and passed away in his home in Oshkosh, Wisconsin September 29, 2025. Mikey grew up in the good ol' days with 4 sisters- Ona, Kay, Linda, and Nancee. He often said he did the best he could to fulfill being a living example of the movie American Graffiti. While an adventurous and crafty youth, he did eventually become an adult last year-but just barely. He would say "You always grow older, but you don't have to grow up." So his childhood just continued. Mike went on to marry Alice (Couve) in the mid 60's and had three kids including Jennifer and Lance.

After retiring from Case IH and his divorce, he spent the next 30 plus years in Oshkosh where he could his love of everything related to planes. He like caught the plane fever after he got done drag racing everyone in his younger years and you really couldn't pry his fingers out of the EAA from that point on. He volunteered year



round and dedicated every summer to the EAA and the Warbirds of America, and helping about with just about anything, including cutting propellers for the Young Eagles, polishing many of the planes, raising fund for projects, working the gift shop, or telling endless stories about the things he saw and loved. Seeing his efforts at the EAA come to benefit other for years to come was a real benefit for a him. He was a self described plane-nut. Some of his favorite thrills were being up in the air and just putting the plane into rolls, loops and stalls- especially if the passenger wasn't ready. He was also an avid Harley biker from the earliest of days until his last day, still wearing one of his great many Harley hats. He thoroughly enjoyed his many trips to Daytona Bike week.

Mike loved to meet famous people and include them in his "Famous Mike Hackwith Book" but he also loved neat stories from others that made them famous in his own eyes. All the people he met in the past 30 + years in Oshkosh were like family to him as he stuck to his weekly routines and annual events. He even had a best friend to keep him in line for many years so he wouldn't go back to drag racing everyone in town that gave him "the look." But that

didn't stop him from trying every once in a while.

Mike had many rules and quotes for life, including "Today is the first day of the rest of your life, except tomorrow, maybe." Rule 1 - "If you want to get out of a hole, stop digging." He also said "If it were not for the bad times, you would not know what the good times are." Mike enjoyed and lived through a great many things in his years, from hotrods and Harleys to planes and 200-Yard gun ranges and great-

Dennis Keith Moon

Dennis Keith Moon, age 80 of Oshkosh, passed away on October 5, 2025 at The Courtyard At Oshkosh. He was born on November 24, 1944 to the late Warren and Alma (Buhrow) Moon. Dennis was united in marriage to Christine Kufel on November 30, 1974.



ly enjoyed the people he met alone the way. Mike is survived by many family and friends. He will missed by many but his stories will carry on even if they were a bit outlandish.

Memorial visitation and celebration of life will be at the EAA Air Academy Lodge in Oshkosh on October 18 from 1-3 PM (1603 Goyle Ave Oshkosh WI) Come and share the stories with each other. Cards and memorials can be sent to: Hackwith, 3907 NW 7th St , Ankeny IA

and Piper Moon; great-grandchildren, Mason, Jacob, Ryan, Jasmine, Tyrone, Ille-na, Jacques, Heavenly and Jaxon Zimdars. Dennis is further survived by family members through love, Nick and Jodi Matias and their children, Tom, Shawn, Josie, Elias, Carly, Leo, Macai, and Davey.

In addition to his parents, Dennis was preceded in death by his siblings, Joyce, Judy, Richard and Donald.

A memorial service for Dennis will be held at Konrad-Behلمان Funeral Home-Eastside, 402 Waugoo Ave. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. officiated by Rev. Karl Kraemer. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 3:30 p.m. until the time of the service. Private inurnment will be held at Lake View Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the caring staff at The Courtyard and Preceptor Hospice for their exceptional support and dedication during Dennis's final months. Their kindness and compassion provided him with comfort and dignity, for which we are eternally grateful.

Enid Joyce Kiefer

Enid Joyce Kiefer, 89, passed away peacefully on Monday October 6, 2025, at Eden Meadows. Born March 6, 1936, to the late Evelyn (Radig) and Frank C. Anderson, Enid graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1954. On August 28, 1954, she married her high school sweetheart and dearest friend, Louis H. Kiefer. Enid was a member of St. Mary Catholic church (Most Blessed Sacrament-MBS) for the past 71 years. As a teenager, Enid worked as a waitress at Kresge's on Main Street and then at Miles Kimball during the Christmas season, retiring after 38 years of service. Enid was an avid reader, enjoyed doing puzzles of all kinds, playing cards with family and friends and babysitting her grandchildren and many others. When mom was not working during the "Christmas-rush" at Miles Kimball, she was the best stay-at-home mom, always helping her children with whatever they needed, while providing a nurturing and loving home. All holidays were super special with traditions galore.

Enid was blessed with ten children, Pauline (David) Reese, Louis Jr., Deborah, Kenneth, James, Peter, Mark (Madicella), Catherine (Frank) Lehner, John



(Julia), and Michael. She also had 16 grandchildren, Jenni, Amy, Jamie, Zachary, Brent, Patrick, Brandon, Emily, Christopher, Vera Jo, Andrew, Matthew, Joshua, Luke, Elizabeth and Levi, two step-grandchildren, Caitlin and Kirsten and 23 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. Enid is also survived by two siblings, Ralph Anderson and Nedra McGonigle, sister-in-law Barbara Lett, and many nieces and nephews. Enid was preceded in death by her loving husband of 46 years, Louis Sr. (died January 13, 2001), son Michael, her parents and grandparents, brothers Frank (Sonny), Edwin (Buddy), Kenneth, Neil (Butch), Earl (Jack) and Arden (Mike) and sisters Carol, Audrey, Yvonne, and Virginia (Ginny).

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at MBS, St. Mary site, 605 Merritt Ave., Oshkosh. Visitation will be held from 9-11 am at the church with the Mass at 11 am. She will be laid to rest at Lake View Cemetery.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you for the supportive and compassionate care provided by the staff from Eden Meadows and Moments Hospice. A special thank-you to Mary Otto, MBS care minister.

Psalm 23: The Lord is my Shepherd

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Dennis worked for the City of Oshkosh street department for nearly 25 years.

A devoted member of Community Church, Dennis's faith was a guiding light in his life. He lived for his family. His love for life extended to the great outdoors, where he found joy in hunting and an enduring passion for fishing. Many cherished memories were made at his property, where he enjoyed quiet moments and the beauty of nature, surrounded by those he loved.

Dennis is lovingly survived by his wife of 50 years, Christine Moon; children, Peter (Maureen) Moon, Rebecca (Kevin) Kuenzl, Andrea Moon, and Keith (Amy Jo) Moon; grandchildren, James, Jesse, Jennifer and Joseph Seager, Teesa Wallin, Kyle Barnes(Mary Surdow), Jesse Schneider(Ciera Langston), Madelynn

Genevieve Buck

Genevieve "Genny" Buck entered into the arms of the Lord on October 8th, 2025, at the age of 96. She was born on February 28th, 1929 in Split Rock, Wi, to Fred and Alma (Beyersdorf) Schlender. On November 8th, 1947, she married her soulmate Donald Buck at Immanuel Lutheran Church in the town of Morris. They were blessed with seven children. Donald and Genny cared for many people throughout their lives, one special person- Earl Murray who lived with them for over 40 years. They became members of First English Lutheran church, in which Genny was part of Esther Circle and Altar Committee. Genny was known for her great cooking, and she enjoyed making Christmas cookies with her grandchildren. Genny lived a life rooted in love, family, and devotion to the Lord. She believed deeply in the power of prayer, in times of trouble she would tell her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren to "put those little patties together and pray to Jesus." Known for her deep love of family, she was a source of endless support and wisdom for all her grandchildren, especially her great-grandson, Peyton Schmunk, who always brightened her day with his frequent visits and singing songs about Jesus.

Genny is survived by her sister, Rose-lyn Schultz and brother, Gary (Sandy) Schlender; 5 children, Larry (Irene) Buck, Todd Buck, Tammy Clark, Lori (John) Markham, and Kim (Lori) Buck;



8 grandchildren, Jennifer (Ed) Daniels, Melissa (Kevin) Manning, Andy (Leslie) Buck, Sarah Arndt, Josh Buck, Todd Jr. Buck, Danielle (Mike) Schmunk, Rachelle (Mark)Padilla, and Katie Probst; 12 great-grandchildren, Emily Daniels, Chelsea (Chris) Rose, Zane Manning, Zoe (Nick) Schlabach, Molly and Thomas Buck, Maddy Arndt, Olivia and Zach Fowler, Peyton Schmunk, Greyson and Beckham Padilla, 4 great-great-grandchildren; Zayden, Lyla Rose, Ellyana Buhrow and Hudson Schlabach. 2 daughters-in-law, Marlene and Karen Buck; and sister-in-law, Sharon Schlender.

Genny is preceded in death by sons, Steven and Craig Buck; son-in-law, Jeffrey Clark; 4 brothers, Roland (Erna) Schlender, Robert Schlender, Gordan (Agnes) Schlender, and Eugene Schlender; brother-in-law, James Schultz; grandchildren, Trisha Mueller and Nicholas Buck.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to Danielle Schmunk "Lodie", whose selfless devotion and loving care provided Nana with comfort and companionship in her final years.

The family is sincerely grateful for the care provided by Bethel home and Eden Meadows.

"I love you with a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck."

Visitation will begin at 9:00 am on Friday, October 17th, 2025 at First English Lutheran church, 1013 Minnesota street in Oshkosh, until the time of memorial service. The service will be at 11:00 am with Pastor Jon Radichel-Wills officiating.

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Michael Footit

Michael Footit, 71, of Oshkosh, passed away Thursday, October 9th surrounded by his family.

Michael was born March 20th 1954, the son of Junior and Laurel Footit of Oshkosh. Michael worked in Facilities Maintenance for Winnebago County for over 25 years. Prior to that he worked for Rohner's Furniture, and Badger Electric.

Michael had a passion for cooking, his pets, and his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years,



Jane Footit. Sons Scott Footit (Deana Krueger) of Oshkosh, Jeffrey Footit (Lee Hopp) of Oshkosh, grandchildren Anthony Footit and Holly Footit of Oshkosh, Daughter in Law Colleen Baier, Brother Tom Footit (Lynn) of Oshkosh, Steve Footit (Maggie) of Port Washington, Sister Nancy Chesbro of Oshkosh, and fur baby Stella.

Per his request, a private memorial will be held with family at a later time.

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Walter John Scott Jr.

Walter John Scott Jr. (“Scotty”), 88, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully on October 6, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, dedication, and service that touched so many lives.



Scotty was an Oshkosh native, born November 18th, 1936, as an only child to the late Walter John Scott Sr. and Reba Gliden Scott. His early childhood home stood on the ground that would later become part of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus.

Scotty attended Oshkosh High School, spending his evenings and weekends working at his father’s business, Walter Scott Meat Markets. He graduated high school in June 1954 and went on to study at Lawrence University where he met the love of his life, Lynn Walter. Scotty graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology in 1958 and immediately joined the US Navy in Officer Candidate School. Scotty and Lynn were married in 1959 and spent their first two years as newlyweds living in Kaohsiung, Taiwan where Scotty was stationed. Scotty completed five years of active duty in the Navy and served an additional 22 years in the Naval Reserve, ultimately retiring at the rank of Commander.

The couple returned to Oshkosh in 1963. Scotty entered the financial services industry, thanks to the encouragement and mentorship of a close family friend, Warren F. Coe. During Scotty’s 53-year career, he served as President of the Wisconsin Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and contributed to several of their national committees. Scotty’s

business success stemmed from his strong drive, love of helping others, and his passion for connecting people. He was a recognized industry speaker on 401(k) plans and served on the State of Wisconsin’s Joint Survey Committee of Retirement Systems. Independence Financial, the business Scotty grew and led for many decades, continues its 93-year history and is led by his son, Michael Scott, as the firm’s third generation of ownership.

In 1965, Scotty and Lynn started their family of four children and eventually made their home on Washington Avenue, where childhoods unfolded, traditions took root, and lasting memories were made. A devoted family man, Scotty always found time for his children’s school activities & sporting events, regularly championed “pajama rides” to the local ice cream parlor, and he loved cooking a feast on the grill for family and friends.

Scotty was a proud shareholder and season ticket holder at Lambeau Field and loved sharing the thrill of game days with family and friends. He also found joy in a lifetime of boating, traveling with Lynn, and orchestrating family vacations that created lifelong memories for their children and grandchildren. A highlight of the past three decades was the annual 4th of July parties where kids and grandkids gathered for pool time, BBQs, and fireworks. This was the grandchild approved stamp of summer success each year. Most recently, Scotty and Lynn celebrated 66 remarkable years of marriage, a journey grounded in enduring faith, love, and unwavering devotion to family.

Scotty and Lynn were raised in families deeply rooted in the Episcopal tradition, a foundation that guided their life together. Faith, family, and community remained

their compass, with St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Menasha as their spiritual home. There, Scotty served as trustee and senior warden, and also as trustee for the Diocese of Fond du Lac. His unwavering dedication to his church was a source of comfort and inspiration to many.

Scotty had the privilege of serving as president of the Bay-Lakes Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Oshkosh Kiwanis, Miss Wisconsin pageant, and University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Foundation. He was awarded the UWO Chancellor’s award and served on the boards of Valley Christian School, Mercy Medical Center and Affinity Health System.

In his later years, Scotty served as co-founder and longtime president of Excellence in Leadership (EIL), which hosts semiannual luncheons where a prominent business leader shares how they lead their businesses with Christian ethics. These events consistently draw over 500 attendees, and EIL recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. He also founded the Oshkosh Civility Project, shaping its mission to foster respectful dialogue and positive community engagement, an initiative now endorsed by both the City of Oshkosh and the Oshkosh Area School District.

Scotty’s kindness, wisdom, and community spirit left an indelible mark on everyone who knew him. His legacy will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and the countless individuals whose lives he touched.

Scotty is preceded in death by his parents Walter Scott Sr. and Reba Scott. He is survived by his wife Lynn Scott; son Walter John Scott III (Sidney) of Truckee, CA and their children Vivian and Harley; daughter Laura Coopman (Don) of Oshkosh, WI and their children Candice, Caleb, Joshua, and Elijah; daughter

Melissa Kuhn (Peter) of San Diego, CA and their children Nikolas and Eva; son Michael Scott (Lisa) of Oshkosh, WI and their children Denver and Serena. Scotty is also survived by three great-grandchildren: Lilie, Valarie, and Iyla, as well as several beloved extended family members, including Kathy Durand and the Linden and Rudesill families, all of whom held a special place in his heart. He was also preceded in death by Florence Raddatz, whose memory he cherished deeply.

Visitation for Scotty will be held on Friday, October 17, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh. A funeral service will follow on Saturday, October 18, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Menasha, with military honors immediately after. Prior to the service, visitation will be held at the church beginning at 9:30 a.m. A private burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park Cemetery in Oshkosh.

Scotty’s family is deeply grateful to Ascension Mercy, Evergreen Skilled Nursing, Aspire Oshkosh, Care Patrol, and Generations Hospice for the compassion, comfort, and support they showed to Scotty and our family throughout his journey.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial donations be directed to the Boy Scouts of America or St. Thomas Episcopal Church. As another tribute, friends may honor Scotty by signing the Oshkosh Civility Project Pledge, a gesture reflecting his lifelong commitment to respectful dialogue and community engagement.



William John Pable Jr.

William (Bill) John Pable, Jr., 85, of Oshkosh, passed away on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 after a long illness.



He was born to the late William F. and Miriam (Moore) Pable on September 8, 1940 in Oshkosh. He graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1958.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in January 1962, and served as a Senior Chief Petty Officer for two years; also serving in the Navy Reserve for over 20 years. He graduated from the Wisconsin State University

– Oshkosh with a B.S. in Elementary Education, and received his Masters from The University of Wisconsin – Madison.

Bill married Joan Suda (“the neighbor girl”) on June 15, 1968, and celebrated 57 years together. He taught 8th grade U.S. History and Social Studies at Webster Stanley Middle School in Oshkosh for 30 years, and also served as an assistant principal.

Bill was an avid golfer, history buff, organizer and pianist. He enjoyed classical music, hunting, fishing, gardening and the Packers. During retirement, he tuned pianos throughout Northeast Wisconsin. Bill and Joan loved to travel, especially to Europe and Australia. They enjoyed being “snowbirds” in Fort Myers, FL for over

20 years.

Bill is survived by his wife, Joan; one sister-in-law: Jeanne Suda, De Pere; six nieces and nephews: Judy (Danny) Dudek, John (Heather) Hoffman, Jeff (Karen) Hoffman, Stephanie (Derek) Gentry, all of Appleton; Scott (Kelly) Suda and Shane (Kristy) Suda of De Pere; and many great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother-in-law: Joseph Suda; and two sisters-in-law: Sr. Marie Francine (Loretta) Schettl, SSND, and Julene (James) Hoffman.

Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, October 17, 2025 at Fiss & Bill-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Dr. in Oshkosh, until the time of a

Memorial Service. The Service will be at 11:00 a.m. with Fr. Louis Golamari officiating. Full military honors will be held at the funeral home immediately after the service. Bill will be laid to rest at Calvary Cemetery in Oshkosh.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Courtyard at Oshkosh, Aurora Medical Center, and Edenbrook of Oshkosh for their care. Joan would also like to thank their special friends: Dr. Matt & Mary Fischer, Peggy Rand, Dan & Jeanette Neumann, and Mike & Marge Bork for their care, concern and support. A memorial fund is being established.



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